

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold at night.

Royal—A Man of Action.
Capitol—Big Brother.
Dominion—The Call of the Canyon.
Columbia—The Man of the Forest.
Playhouse—The Kissing Bandit.

THE TIMES WISHES ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

PREMIER TO SEE KING TO CLARIFY RATES QUESTION

Oliver, Anxious For More Reductions, Wants to Know Where B.C. Stands

Seeks to Find Out All About New Inter-Provincial Duty Regulations

To find out exactly where British Columbia stands in its long fight for the reduction of western freight rates, Premier Oliver will leave for Vancouver Christmas night and confer on the mainland Wednesday with Hon. J. H. King, Federal Minister of Public Works.

"We have got a great deal from our rate fight already, but I am not yet satisfied," the Premier remarked today in announcing that he planned to confer on public matters with Dr. King. "I hope to find out from Dr. King just where we stand in this matter."

The Premier also will discuss with Dr. King the removal of customs duties on freight shipped from eastern Canada to this coast via the Panama Canal.

"The Federal Government has appointed a Customs officer in New York at our request but the situation with regard to duty on freight moving through the Panama Canal is not altogether clear," Mr. Oliver pointed out. "I want to clear this matter up definitely, if I can, when I talk to Dr. King in Vancouver."

Dr. King had a talk with the Premier and members of the Provincial executive here yesterday. Hon. W. H. Sutherland, Provincial Minister of Public Works, accompanied Dr. King back to Vancouver yesterday afternoon, returning here this morning. Nothing of a public nature was discussed by the Ministers.

THREE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Toronto's list of mayoralty candidates has been reduced to three, Controller Singer and H. C. Hocken, M.P., having withdrawn, leaving the field to Controller Hiltz, T. L. Church, M.P., and J. A. Currie, M.P.

Fifty-three candidates are in the running for the twenty-four aldermanic positions in the eight wards.

KING AND QUEEN AT SANDRINGHAM

Prince of Wales Also Will Spend Christmas There
Stores in Old Country Cities Thronged For Days Past

London, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press Cable).—Christmas Day in England may see unsettled weather, although the conditions to-day are fine and bright. Last week's frost has entirely disappeared and while the indications are favorable, who knows what may happen within a few hours in the English climate?

The King and Queen are at York Cottage, Sandringham, and with them are the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry and the Princess Royal. Queen Alexandra is at Sandringham House. She is in good health, though she celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday this month, but looks exceedingly frail.

Other members of the royal family are in residence in the vicinity of Sandringham.

A QUIET DAY
Their Majesties invariably spend Christmas Day as one of quiet enjoyment. No guests outside of the family circle are invited, the few days of the Christmas holiday being perhaps the only time of the year when the King is entirely free from state responsibilities.

All the royal family attend Sandringham Church on Christmas morning. The first of the congregation consisting mostly of tenants of the estate. On the other days of the holiday season, the King and Queen of Wales go shooting or riding.

CHRISTMAS EVE CAFE SUPPERS IN PARIS EXPENSIVE

Paris, Dec. 24.—It will take a fat purse to partake of one of the traditional Christmas Eve suppers at any of the thousand and one restaurants in Paris to-night. The humblest cafe is asking twenty-five francs for a meagre repast, with wine extra. Those establishments that advertise jazz band music are charging 200 francs for a repast, the chief fare of which is a portion of turkey unaccompanied with cranberry or other sauce.

Kobe Hotel Partly Destroyed by Fire; All Guests Escaped

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Oriental Hotel at Kobe was partly destroyed by fire early this morning. All the guests are believed to have escaped. Many of them fled to safety in their sleeping garments.

CRUISE COMMANDER URGES SOUTH AFRICA TO DEVELOP A NAVY

Cape Town, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press Cable, via Reuter's).—The officers of the visiting British squadron now here during its cruise of the Empire, attended a banquet in the City Hall tendered by the mayor and corporation of Cape Town. It was a brilliant gathering and included the Acting Governor-General, members of the South African Government and representatives of the army.

Rear-Admiral Sir Frederick Field, who is in command of the battleship squadron on the cruise, declared in a speech that the existence of the Empire depended upon its sea power. He urged South Africa to develop her own navy to defend her vital communications and expressed the opinion that nothing smaller than light cruisers should be provided.

Rear-Admiral Sir Randolph Benbow, "Commander-in-Chief" of the Admiralty station in South Africa, expressed the opinion that a light cruiser should be provided in the near future. "The expense," he said, "would not be great, and he knew the First Lord of the Admiralty was prepared to lend one to South Africa."

AUSTRALIA WILL BAR CATTLE FROM BRITAIN; DISEASE

London, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press Cable).—The Australian Government has instructed the Commonwealth High Commissioner in London to warn shippers of the forthcoming prohibition on the importation of cattle, sheep and swine from Great Britain in view of the presence of foot and mouth disease in England.

CHRISTMAS PAROLE

Lansing, Kans., Dec. 24.—Twenty-five convicts serving terms at the Kansas Penitentiary here are at liberty to-day on a fifteen-day Christmas parole granted by Governor Joseph B. Snider. They will honor to return at the expiration of that period.

Swimmers Braving Gorge Waters For Christmas Swim

If any one in town wants to feel a real shiver run up and down his or her back on Christmas morn they can trot out in a bathing suit and stick their toes in the water at the foot of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club at the Gorge.

The annual Christmas Day swim will be held to-morrow morning and will take the form of a fifty-yard handicap. The start will be made at 11 o'clock. "Owing to the very mild weather this fall and winter the swimmers will not compete under such chilling conditions as in the past. Two years ago the swimmers had to break the ice, while last year there was a heavy fog and the frosts of the two weeks previous to Christmas Day lowered the temperature of the water considerably. But to-morrow weather and water conditions will be ideal, almost as favorable as the early fall."

Over one dozen swimmers have so far entered the race. The number includes as usual, members of the Wellburn family, Jackie Clyde, Peter Johnson, Marjorie Brackenridge, W. T. Barrett, W. Stanton, E. Dyer and J. Hunter. Other entries are expected.

The race, which has been held for the past four years, always attracts a large crowd of spectators. It is expected that to-morrow the banks of the Gorge will be lined with motor cars and curious folks who like to see some one leaping into the waters in the latitude of forty-nine degrees north latitude on Christmas Day.

Afghanistan Troops Seeking Tribesmen Who Murdered Britishers

Peshawar, Northwest Frontier Province, India, Dec. 22 (Canadian Press, via Reuter's).—A mobile column of Afghan troops has proceeded from Jalalabad to Mandata, where the Governor of Jalalabad is conferring with the tribal heads as to the best way of dealing with the murder gang which recently killed a number of British subjects. The gang is believed to be hiding in the neighborhood of Mandata, in Afghan territory.

Fielding's Doctors Report To-day He Continues to Gain

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The condition of Right Hon. W. S. Fielding continues to improve. He seemed to be better this morning.

Canada Sends Christmas Trees to U.S. Homes

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Canada is furnishing large numbers of Christmas trees to the United States. A dealer in Allentown has received three carloads of balsam fir trees which cost approximately \$800 a car, together with freight charges of \$250 a car and duty amounting to \$35 per carload.

EIGHTY-FOUR VOTES BY MAIL

J. Mulholland Swears He Marked Many Ballots in Vancouver

L. D. Taylor, Defeated Candidate, Demands Inquiry
Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Enclosing a copy of an affidavit sworn to by J. Mulholland, in which he states that at the recent civic election here he voted no fewer than eighty-four times, ex-Mayor L. D. Taylor, defeated candidate for Mayor, has written Hon. A. M. Manson, pointing out the seriousness of the statements made by Mulholland and contending that it is the duty of the Attorney-General's Department at once to institute a thorough inquiry into the matter.

"It is the duty of the Attorney-General's Department to institute a thorough inquiry into the whole matter," declared Mr. Taylor. "There is no reason why I should be called upon to put up a deposit of \$500. If a wrong has been committed, then it is up to the Attorney-General to see that right is done."

NEW SOUTH WALES PREPARES TO HOLD RAILWAY INQUIRY

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 24 (Canadian Press Cable, via Reuter's).—Sir Sam Fay, General Manager of the Great Central Railway Company, and in 1918-19 Director-General of Movements and Railways at the War Office, and Sir Vincent Raven, Chief Mechanical Engineer of the North-eastern Railway Company, have been appointed to inquire into the railway administration of New South Wales.

ASHES OF SOCIALIST STOLEN IN TOKIO TO BE RETURNED

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The ashes of the late Sakaye Ougui, a Socialist leader, which were stolen from a room in which the urn was lying in state before the funeral service on December 16, will be returned to the police to-morrow, the searchers have informed the authorities.

The theft was committed by three armed men who escaped in an automobile.

GREETINGS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE SENT TO POPE PIUS

Rome, Dec. 24.—Christmas greetings from all over the world are reaching Pope Pius in a steady stream on the eve of the holiday. There were preliminary observations within the Vatican to-day. The gardeners of the Vatican gardens presented the Pontiff with a handsome tribute of flowers and fruit. Later all the members of the Sacred College were received and tendered their good wishes. The Dean of the College, Cardinal Vannutelli, delivering an appropriate address, Pope Pius responded with impromptu remarks, ending by extending the Christmas hope that God might be glorified and peace and goodwill prevail on earth.

Vancouver Police Searching For Man Who Forged Cheque

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Handing to the teller of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, an apparently good cheque stamped "Accepted," a man on Saturday secured currency totaling \$3,262.60. The forgery was not discovered for several hours after the money had been paid over, and the police so far have been unable to locate the forger.

GIRL ANARCHIST TRIED FOR MURDER IN PARIS ACQUITTED

Paris, Dec. 24.—Germaine Berthoin, girl anarchist, was acquitted by jury to-day of a charge of killing Marius Plateau, a reporter for the Royalist newspaper L'Action Francaise, last January.

NO PAPER TO-MORROW

There will be no issue of The Times to-morrow, Christmas Day.

MASSEY WILL BE IN OTTAWA NEXT FRIDAY

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Premier Massey, of New Zealand, is expected in Ottawa on Friday and will remain in the capital for a couple of days before leaving for the west. It is understood he will discuss trade questions informally with members of the Government while here.

Premier Massey will pass through Victoria, as he intends to sail from this coast for New Zealand.

SPEAKS FOR FRANCE AT GERMAN INQUIRY; J. V. PARMENTIER

At the forthcoming inquiry by a committee of experts under the direction of the Reparations Commission, France, like Britain, and the other Allies, will be represented by three men, one of whom will be Jean V. Parmentier, formerly an official of the Ministry of Finance.

THREE U.S. MEN ARE NAMED FOR GERMAN INQUIRY

Paris, Dec. 24.—Henry M. Robinson, lawyer and banker of Los Angeles, has been selected as the third American to serve on the expert committee which are to investigate the condition of Germany's finances under the auspices of the Reparations Commission. The other two are Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young, of New York.

C.N.R. ACQUIRES PARIS BUILDING

Office Plans For Hotel Scribe Being Carried Out

Paris, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press Cable, via Reuter's).—Regarding assertions made recently in Canada that a hitch had occurred in the negotiations for the acquisition by the Canadian National Railway of the Hotel Scribe here for office accommodation, the Canadian Press learns there is no dissatisfaction whatever on the part of the railway officials in Paris.

The situation resolved itself into a question of leasing accommodation for twenty years or buying. The railway was unable to rent space at the time under acceptable conditions and consequently decided to buy.

For the convenience of the management the building is being incorporated under the French company law.

BY-ELECTIONS IN MANITOBA TO-DAY

Two Ministers Are Seeking Voters' Endorsement

Loss of One Seat Would Remove Government's Majority

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—After two weeks of strenuous campaigning in the provincial constituencies of Carleton and Mountain, the elections to-day are voting in the by-elections caused by the acceptance of portfolios by Hon. Albert Prefontaine, Provincial Secretary, and Hon. C. R. Cannon, Minister of Education.

The campaigns had all the elements of a general election campaign, and the hustings were occupied nightly by speakers of the United Farmer and Conservative parties, which had their strongest orators in the field attacking and counter-attacking in regard to provincial issues.

B. C. Fishermen's Plea For Closed Ports to Be Heard at Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Consideration will be given to any request from British Columbia fishermen for the closing of Pacific ports to United States fishing boats, but no such request has yet been received at the Department of Marine here. It was stated at the department to-day that conditions on the Pacific coast differed from those on the Atlantic inasmuch as modus vivendi licenses had been issued to United States fishing vessels on the Pacific. The



United States vessels had always enjoyed the privilege of entering Canadian ports without being required to obtain licenses. That it is a hardship on Canadian fishermen to have to compete with United States fishermen who can unload their catches at a British Columbia port and ship them into the United States free of duty while the Canadians must pay a duty of two cents a pound was admitted at the department. On the other hand, it is pointed out that Canadian fishermen derive a substantial benefit from the business of carrying the fish to the United States market, which is not the case on the Atlantic coast.

Federal Minister Extends Optimistic Yuletide Greetings

Dr. J. H. King, Federal Minister of Public Works, who was in Victoria for a few hours yesterday, conveys a cheery optimistic Christmas greeting to people of Victoria which he points out reasons which indicate that Canada is at the dawn of a renewed era of prosperity. Dr. King's message reads:

"The people of Canada, on the whole, have many reasons for being of good cheer at this time."

FAITH IN CANADA

"This year's grain crop in Canada is the greatest ever produced; the tremendous success of the recent Refunding Internal Victory Loan and the huge sales of provincial, municipal and other debentures, indicate unshakable faith in Canada. The forest, stream, mine and farm have given abundant yield of their wealth. Now that the Panama Canal is asserting itself as a revolutionary factor in world commerce, this has an especial significance for the western provinces in that they will, from now on, assume more definitely the aspect, not of a right-of-way, but of a country to be served and developed. Our outlook is steadily improving and our financial difficulties are comparatively much less than other Dominions of the Empire or the Mother Country. Canada's foreign trade is continuing to mount at a remarkable rate, and we are at the dawn of a renewed era of prosperity."

OUR INHERITANCE

"Let us, therefore, realize the greatness of our own inheritance. Canada has passed through anxious times, and we have experienced days of disillusionment and perplexity, but there is no reason at all for pessimism. Our debt of burden will diminish relatively with the increase of population and wealth in the country, which is certain to be very great in the coming years. The basis of a nation's real credit and moral fibre is confidence and optimism. Our credit has the best kind of backing—abundant natural resources and a population of the sturdiest and most reliable character."

"With my very best wishes to one and all for a very Merry Christmas and a Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year."

SEVENTY-FIVE IN ILLINOIS TAKEN IN A BIG LIQUOR RAID

Marion, Ill., Dec. 24.—Four men were shot, one seriously, in a roundup of alleged moonshiners and their associates Saturday night, and yesterday and to-day thirteen persons were held in the Franklin County Jail at Benton and sixty-two were at liberty under bonds ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. All are charged with violating the federal prohibition law.

PRAIRIE WINTER WILL BE MILD ONE, STATES INDIAN

Selkirk, Man., Dec. 24.—"I can remember only one winter like the one we are presently enjoying," said William Henry Prince, grandson of the great Indian chief, Peguis, when interviewed here to-day, "and that was the winter of 1875-76."

The situation of this winter so far, in the opinion of Chief Prince, are exactly like those of the early winter of seventy-five, all signs and portents point to an exceptionally mild-winter throughout. "Of course," he said, "we must look for cold snaps and storms, but everything points to there being little snow, and that the cold snaps will be of short duration."

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EFFORTS TO RESCUE FIFTY MEN ABOARD DRIFTING DIRIGIBLE

Hope Expressed Great French Airship Will Be Brought Safely to Earth in North Africa; Gasoline Supply Ran Low After Three-Day Flight; At Mercy of Heavy Wind

Paris, Dec. 24.—There appeared this morning to be some hope of saving the French dirigible Dixmunde, which with fifty officers and men aboard has been drifting helplessly for three days over the Gulf of Gabes, on the north coast of Africa, and over the interior of Tunis.

Although news received in Paris has been sparse, the latest advices say the great ship had drifted well inland, and, taking a northwesterly direction, was hovering in the vicinity of Fom Tatahoune, thirty miles south of Medinen.

Military authorities at Fom Tatahoune were reported to have prepared a fair landing place in case the ship should be able to descend. Automobile headlights were set to mark the spot throughout the night. A strong force of troops was also present.

3,481 Prisoners in Ireland Freed Since Month Began

Dublin, Dec. 24.—The Irish Free State Government announced to-day that between December 1 and December 23, political prisoners to the number of 3,481 had been liberated.

The Government also announced the release of Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the leading women Republicans, who was arrested here November 20.

MADE RECORD

Last September the Dixmunde established a world's record duration flight of 4,500 miles. The crew was endeavoring to break this record when the trouble overtook the airship.

Airman Badly Hurt in Wyoming When Plane Fell

Burns, Wyo., Dec. 24.—An aeroplane believed to be a mail plane from Cheyenne crashed this morning east of here this morning. The pilot was picked up by a motorist and brought to a hospital here. He was unconscious and has not been identified. A surgeon from Cheyenne will come here by aeroplane to assist Dr. H. M. Hansen to attend the injured man.

REFUSES TO OBEY BISHOP'S RULING

Canon Skeay, Toronto, Invites Ministers of Other Denominations to Preach

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Forbidden by the Anglican Bishop of Toronto, Rt. Rev. J. P. Sweeney, to allow clergymen of the other Protestant denominations to preach from the pulpit of St. Anne's Church, Canon Lawrence Skeay, its rector, has decided to defy the Bishop's edict. Accordingly the reopening services of St. Anne's will go on as planned.

Canon Skeay declared he was within his legal rights and would stand his ground. He also admitted that the Bishop had in a letter asked him of being "disloyal and disobedient."

"But I am neither," declared the rector of St. Anne's. "The Bishop is basing his action on what he regards as a law of the church in regard to the use of Anglican pulpits by clergymen of other denominations. I maintain this rule is not a canon law of the church. It is merely a resolution of the Provincial Synod and therefore is not binding on me."

TRAPPER LOST LIFE ON WAY HOME FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 24.—Word has just been received from Dinorwick of the drowning in Big Sandy Lake, nine miles north of that village, on Friday last, of James LeBester, fifty-five, who was on his way from his trap line to spend Christmas at home. He just had time to shoot to his son-in-law, George Kerr, who was with him, "Bring some poles," when the ice gave way beneath him in the lake.

While Kerr was trying to get poles to make it safe to reach the shore, a second dog team dashed toward the drowning man and their companion dogs and all were drowned.

MAYOR OF KITCHENER

Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 24.—Mayor Louis O. Brethaupt has been elected mayor of Kitchener for 1924 by acclamation.

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POLICEMAN SUSPENDED

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Patrolman Carl Skorr, of the Seattle police department, has been suspended indefinitely by Police Chief W. B. Severeys following a complaint by David Kilgore of this city that he had solicited and obtained from him a \$10 bribe. A further investigation of the case will be made, Police Chief Severeys said.

POINCARÉ DEFENDED HIS RUHR POLICY

Addressed Audience in a
Suburb of Paris Yesterday

Paris, Dec. 24.—Premier Poincaré's speech yesterday on the occasion of his decoration with the War Cross of the manufacturing suburb of La Courneuve consisted largely of a defence of his Ruhr policy and a declaration that events were justifying it. He repeated France's determination not to leave the Ruhr until she had received payment. "But," he added, "we are ready to examine all means of settlement which can possibly render payment more rapid and sure."

AIRSHIP SERVICE BEING PLANNED

Special to The Times

Wellington, N.Z., Dec. 24.—A nine-day service of airships from Britain to Australia, with an ultimate extension to New Zealand, is planned by a syndicate of capitalists interested also in the Barney airship service to India for which the Government of Britain has promised a large subsidy.

JAMES GORDON DIED IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 24.—James Gordon, fifty-three, widely known in business circles throughout Canada, died here Saturday.

LONG CAREER OF JOURNALIST ENDS

Sir A. Robbins Retires in Eng-
land After Forty Years

London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Sir Alfred Robbins, London editor of The Birmingham Post, is retiring from newspaper work after a service of nearly forty years.

The recent general election, he says, has made him doubt whether the press has really all the influence which is claimed for it. This is the only country in the world, however, he believes, in which it does not pay to purchase the press. He says he has been in the confidence of every leading politician of every political section of his time and never received a hint or suggestion that any good, pecuniary or otherwise, would come to the newspaper he represented or to himself as its representative because he advocated a particular policy of the Government.

There are two institutions in the country, he says, of which the public has the right to be proud—its Parliament, the personal honesty of which, whatever the composition he has never doubted, and a press not subject to corruption.

"DEAD" MAN GAVE LANDLADY A FRIGHT

Special to The Times

Christchurch, N.Z., Dec. 24.—When the body of a middle-aged man was found in a field near here it was identified by the landlady of his boarding-house as that of Henry Hayes, a shearer. It was buried under the same name.

Two days later Hayes himself walked into the boarding-house and the landlady dropped in a dead faint. He had been at work in the back country and knew nothing of his supposed death. Now there is mystery as to who owns the body buried as Hayes.

WORK PROCEEDS AT PHARAOH'S TOMB

Roof of Canopy Over Tutankhamen's Mummy Being
Removed

Luxor, Egypt, Dec. 24.—The difficult task of removing the first of the three sections forming the roof of the immense golden canopy over King Tutankhamen's resting place was successfully carried out on Sunday morning without damage. The lid proved to be far heavier than had been imagined. In fact, the big front section of it, removed yesterday, is said to weigh as much as one of the ponderous doors of the outer shrine.

SNOW IN ONTARIO FOR CHRISTMAS

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Commencing early Sunday morning, snow fell throughout the southern counties of Ontario and by evening, when the weather cleared, the ground was covered with a mantle of white. The temperature dropped below the freezing point later in the evening and lovers of old-fashioned Christmases took heart despite the fact that the Dominion meteorological office report indicated little change in temperature.

FALL KILLED MAN IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Lying on a couch in a rooming house in the east end of this city, the dead body of Louis Martin, fifty-three, a miner, was found Saturday night, some time after he had fallen down a stairway.

NARCOTIC DRUG IMPORTS DECREASE

Quantities Brought Into Can-
ada Legitimately Are
Reported

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—A decrease in the quantity of narcotic drugs which reached Canada through legitimate channels during the twelve months which ended with November in comparison with the preceding corresponding period is shown in a report made public by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

During the period under review 1,782 ounces of cocaine was imported, as against 3,516 ounces during the same time in 1922. Morphine also shows a decline, 9,239 ounces reaching Canada in 1923 as compared with 10,609 in the previous twelve months. The quantity of crude opium imported during the period dealt with by the report was 1,190 ounces, as compared with 1,153 ounces for the twelve months ended with November, 1922.

Figures indicating the quantity of cocaine imported into Canada are not given, but it is shown that \$14,000 worth came into the country during the twelve months which ended with November, 1923, as compared with \$10,000 in the previous period.

DREAM LED TO FINDING OF MAN

Special to The Times

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 24.—Search for Charles Wells, a resident of the little town of Carcoar in New South Wales, after he had wandered away from his home during a nervous breakdown, was carried on by a posse of his friends for a week without result.

Then one of the searchers, Percy Aiken, who had been one of the most active, dreamed he saw the missing man lying half-conscious in a paddock many miles away from the town. Awakening, he told his dream to the other searchers, who went to the spot indicated and there found Mr. Wells in the last stages of exhaustion. He was lying in almost exactly the attitude as the dream indicated.

KING AND QUEEN AT SANDRINGHAM

(Continued from page 1.)

SERVANTS ENTERTAIN
It is the practice in the King's household at Sandringham to have only cold meats furnished on the day following Christmas—in order that the servants may have time to entertain amongst themselves and visit their friends in the neighborhood.

Following his usual custom the Duke of Connaught is spending the winter at his villa at Beaucourt, in the south of France.

The general election caused some little delay in the rush to the shops before the festive season, but despite hard times and scarcity of money the great stores in London and other big cities have been thronged for the last fortnight.

NEWSPAPERS

It is twelve years or more since the newspapers of England have refrained from publishing on Christmas Day. Three years ago, when the festival fell on a Saturday, no newspapers were published for three days. The experiment, however, is never likely to be repeated, for this long holiday threw the whole intricate system of news collecting completely out of gear. The London papers will not publish on Christmas or on Wednesday, Boxing Day, on which Christmas boxes are made to errand boys, letter carriers, etc., and which is also a holiday.

Theatrical managers anticipate that the measure of patronage extended during the next week or two will be fully up to the average of the post-war years.

PLAYS REVIVED

London is witnessing a revival of a remarkable number of old theatrical favorites. "The Private Secretary," for instance, is exactly forty years old. "Charley's Aunt" is well over thirty, but like "Peter Pan," which also is in evidence this Christmas, these plays never grow up.

Christmas fare is plentiful in London, but the prices are higher by ten or fifteen per cent. than they were at previous Christmases.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Christmas card habit suffered so severely during the war that there seems to be small likelihood of it ever fully regaining its former dominance. The post office, anyhow, is not buried under an avalanche of these amiable missives this year.

Improvement in the heavy woolen trade is evidenced by the fact that most of the mills are stopping only on Tuesday and Wednesday. The shipbuilding trade is looking forward to a revival and an era of comparative prosperity is confidently anticipated.

Want Rates of 1912 by C.N.R.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—A return to 1912 rates, involving an approximate increase for 12,000 men employed by the Canadian National Railway, is being asked for by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, whose president, A. R. Mosher, is in Montreal.

Mr. Mosher stated that it is anticipated that negotiations will open early in the New Year.

ROBERT H. EASSON DIED IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Robert H. Easson, fifty, a prominent business man and former president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, died here yesterday.

TWO MEN KILLED

Casper, Wyo., Dec. 24.—Floyd B. Evans, of Shreveport, La., and H. C. Briggs, of Parkerton, Wyo., were killed, and J. J. Speck, of Casper, was seriously injured when an automobile Speck was driving plunged through a bridge eight miles east of here last night.

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Tuesday
and
Wednesday



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Wednesday



MAY the glow of this Christmas candle carry to your hearts our best wishes for the jolliest Christmas ever. A merry Christmas that will live in the hearts of young and old and start the world ringing with laughter and dancing with happiness.

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CANADA'S MEAT EXPORTS REPORTED

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—During November Canada exported \$1,728,000 worth of meat to the United Kingdom; \$421,000 worth to the United States; and \$47,000 worth to other countries.

The total value of meat exported in November was \$2,197,000, as against \$1,882,000 in October, and \$2,538,000 worth in November, 1922. In the twelve months ended with November Canada exported \$24,822,000 worth of meat, as compared with \$28,729,000 in the corresponding period of 1922.

DU BARRY ON BAIL IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Count George Hay du Barry, who was arrested Saturday by a deputy United States

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL STORE CLOSED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY

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marshal on a bench warrant following an indictment here by the federal grand jury on a charge of sending prohibited matter through the Government mails, was released from custody after posting \$1,000 bail bonds.

CONSTABLES KILLED

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 24.—Allie Lancaster, town marshal of Bolton, Miss., and a deputy marshal named Hampton were shot and instantly killed by two negroes suspected of having robbed and killed another negro at Edwards, a few miles west of Bolton.

LUMBERJACKS IN NEED OF MONEY

Quebec, Dec. 24.—One thousand lumberjacks are without employment and have not received their wages for several weeks as a result of financial difficulties of the Bay Sulphite Company, which culminated last week in a petition in bankruptcy being filed and a temporary guardian being appointed by the Quebec registrar. Reports available here are to the effect that the lumberjacks are in a serious predicament and are pining into the little town of Chandler.



"Good will toward men—"

THIS is the spirit of Christmas, "good will toward men." Where there is good will, one toward another, and nation toward nation, peace naturally follows—and with it all those blessings which peace assures.

Good will within each toward all is the world's greatest need in the struggle to re-establish confidence, hope, and human happiness on an enduring basis.

On this side of the water we have advanced so far on the upward trend that we enjoy the dawn of a new era. Let us assess our blessings at their true value and respond to this new hope.

It is our wish that the spirit of Christmas may dominate us all, and that the New Year will herald a period of joy and happiness to you and yours.

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Christmastide Greetings from Shelly Bros.

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CHRISTMAS

No trumpet-blast profaned
The hour in which the
Prince of Peace was born;
No bloody streamer stained
Earth's silent rivers on
That sacred morn. — Bryant.

This Christmas finds British Columbia and the country in a peacefully progressive state. The various provinces and the "Dominion" have their respective difficulties and problems. But in a general sense there is a liberal leaving of prosperity and the promise of piping times at no distant date. For these blessings it should not be difficult for Canadians to hail the morn with joyful hearts. In this spirit, and with a suitable appreciation of all the good things around us, we extend to all our readers and to the people of this community as a whole our warmest greetings for the festive season.

Christmas Day will find the world at large struggling, slowly perhaps, towards the ideal which He whose birthday it will celebrate would have it grasp. It is true that a large part of the Old World seems to experience a peculiar difficulty in establishing that state of mind which would more nearly approach the Divine desire. The will to peace on earth and goodwill towards all men penetrates less easily where the sore of old conflicts and racial jealousies is only imperfectly cured. At the same time the minds of men are beginning to understand and appreciate the utter uselessness of eternal strife. There is a more resolute endeavor even among the essentially peevish people of the world to get nearer to peace and harmony. From this condition may be extracted more hope than seemed possible on Christmas Day nine years ago.

Victoria has much to be thankful for. The lot of its people has been cast in the most pleasant of places. Far removed from, although naturally not altogether uninfluenced by, the more acute forms of turmoil, the inhabitants of Vancouver Island may reflect upon many advantages that are denied to less fortunate folk. A benevolent Nature has endowed them richly and if only for these reasons alone they will greet the dawn of Christmas Day with grateful and joyous hearts.

GOOD NEWS

Victoria is interested in the announcement that the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company intends to erect a new and larger mill on the site formerly occupied by that destroyed by fire. Apart from the purely mercenary considerations that enter into any form of industrial development it is gratifying to observe that a concern of this character and importance is ready to re-affirm its faith in the lumber industry of Vancouver Island.

The intimation that Mr. E. J. Palmer will take a less active part in the administration of the business with which he has been associated so long will be received with both regret and pleasure—regret that he at last finds it necessary to confess advancing years and pleasure that he proposes to enjoy more leisure than has been his wont.

MUST BE THREE-FIFTHS

One important point for every supporter of the Amusement Centre proposal to remember is the fact that a three-fifths majority is essential to the successful passage of the by-law which will be submitted to the people next Saturday. It should also be remembered that the progressive property owner who intends to mark his ballot in the affirmative will be only too glad to make it known that he wants to see Victoria go ahead. On the other hand, however, the individual who seems to consider that the whole world is out of joint and Victoria with it will keep his own counsel and vote against the by-law. Consequently it should be the duty of every one who supports the proposal to constitute himself a committee of one and help to role up affirmative ballots.

It is not necessary to be a property owner to point the right way to those entitled to mark a ballot on a financial question. The more enthusiasm that is demonstrated the more assurance of success there will be.

TRUSTING THEM

Most people in the Irish Free State and outside of it will learn with gratification that the Dublin Government has hailed the Christmas season by freeing large numbers of political prisoners. Not all of them will emulate the robin who tried to thank the housewife for the crumbs it had been receiving from day to day; but it can be taken for granted that if newly-acquired freedom is not successful in producing a more tranquil state of mind it may be that a closer acquaintance with the new order of things will convince them

that the Irish Free State is now a going and progressive concern—not to be challenged by any disciple of de Valera. In other words the men and women who have now regained their liberty may choose between the role of patriot and wreckers. By assisting the Government to build up the country's prosperity, if by no other means than by behaving themselves, they may repair some of the damage for which years of strife have been responsible. If they are not persuaded of the strength of authority they may test it by reverting to their old practices—and see jail once more.

WILL BALDWIN LEAD?

Not until after Mr. Baldwin has met Parliament and had an opportunity to take its temperature shall we know whether he is prepared to bring on his own defeat by a contentious procedure or take the line of least resistance for the time being. The question of leadership will also remain in doubt for the same reason. Many influential Conservatives are still hot under the collar because the Prime Minister risked the fortunes of the party at a time when there appeared to be no political reason and upon an issue that was about as unpopular as bolshevism. On this account the talk of a new guiding spirit will be bound to crop up from time to time.

Quite probably Lord Derby would be inclined to try his hand at leadership if Mr. Baldwin should decide to go back to his iron works and let somebody else qualify for the tenancy of No. 10 Downing Street. His candidature for the high office, however, would furnish his critics with interesting material. We will remember that description of His Lordship which declared him to have "been created by Providence to be the genial owner of a country public-house, who is afraid of Mr. Lloyd George and his followers, afraid of Labor, afraid of his own supporters, and whose motto, characteristic of the man, which even Mr. Lloyd George can mock at, is to do nothing because the doing of anything might cause disturbance and even intellectual controversy, for which he has no desire at all." To put it briefly Lord Derby was never cut out for a Prime Minister of these days. The era of tranquility is too far off.

AN EASIER SITUATION

If the troops of President Oregon bestir themselves during to-day it is quite possible that the curtain may be rung down on de la Huerta's little diversion before Christmas Day. The latest advice to hand at least indicate that Federal troops are able to command the general situation. No further serious defections have been reported and it looks as if the influence which Oregon has been able to exercise during the last year or so has taken a firmer root than at one time seemed possible in such a troubled and troublesome country.

Note and Comment

No snow and no real frost so far this Winter. Once again there will be golf on four links on Christmas Day.

Victorians should take the Amusement Centre as a topic for discussion after Christmas Day—and work for the passage of the by-law.

History is once more repeating itself. Ex-Premier Venizelos has been asked to return to Greece and take the political situation in hand. This is not a new job for one of the country's finest patriots.

The railwaymen of Great Britain are balloting on the question of strike or no strike. Can it be that the cause of Labor at this all important juncture is going to be exposed to the possible damage of a strike in a fundamental industry?

Sir Henry Thornton has presented the country with a nice Christmas present in the shape of an announcement to the effect that in the eleven months of 1923 ending November 30 the Canadian National Railway earnings are up 188 per cent. over last year.

Some Thoughts for To-day

The truest characters of ignorance
Are vanity, and pride, and annoyance.

Butler.

God attributes to place
No sanctity, if none be thither brought
By men who there frequent.

Milton.

Laborin' man and laborin' woman
Hev one glory an' one shame;
Ev' ythin' thet's done inhuman
Injers all on 'em the same.

Lowell.

Well, if our author in the wife offends
He has a husband that will make amends;
He draws him gentle, tender, and forgiving,
And sure such kind good creatures may be living.

Pope.

Our Contemporaries

BROTHERLY LOVE

Los Angeles Times:—The Irish Free State Senate will open its sessions with prayer instead of fireworks. Gradually the wings of a beneficent peace are extending over a man's world.

SELF-SUPPORT

Auckland Weekly News:—The ideal of a self-supporting empire may be a dream. There is still room, in spite of the adverse comments, to believe that it is a worthy dream; and that if a reasonable degree of preference can help its realization, the experiment could be tried without anyone feeling that Britain's birthright had been sold or her honor begrimed.

Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be legible and written. The longer an article the shorter the chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name and address of the writer, but not for publication unless the writer wishes. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely at the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

PEACE ON EARTH

To the Editor:—Whereas we have arrived at the period when many will be speaking and singing of Peace on Earth and Good Will Among Men; And whereas it is nearly two thousand years since that doctrine was proclaimed and that hope given to the world, but it has not yet materialized in human experiences; Therefore be it resolved in the name of the sick and oppressed of humanity that an humble petition be made to our teachers, preachers, scientists and leaders of thought to search out and find if this thing is possible of accomplishment and if so what is the cause of the delay and what are the best means of bringing it about.

ALFRED WIGGS.

336 Old Esquimaux Road.

AMUSEMENT CENTRE

To the Editor:—Will you allow me the privilege of asking some reader to kindly answer through the medium of your esteemed paper the following questions relative to Victoria's proposed Amusement Centre, which do not seem to be clearly defined in the submitted by-law:

First—If, through unexpected developments in the cost of foundation, etc., the money required to complete the centre and beautify the grounds according to the plans agreed upon exceeds the \$200,000 pledged by the company, are the taxpayers or the company liable for the completion of the plans?

Second—If for any reason, profits, exceeding six per cent. of initial expenditure and cost of operation, plus depreciation allowance, do not materialize, will the taxpayers be expected to pay for alterations or improvements deemed advisable by the Council?

Third—Without impugning the good faith or integrity of the company in any way, is not the city, as a business partner in the venture to the extent of approximately \$10,000 per annum (including site), entitled, through its representatives to either a yearly statement of accounts or access to the books of the centre kept by the company?

If the centre is to be operated for the benefit of the general public, will not at least two tanks be advisable, a shallow one with water used to a higher temperature for the use of children and beginners, and a larger and deeper one for experienced swimmers and aquatic sports.

HEATRICE WATTS.

Foul Bay Road.

Canadian Anniversaries

DECEMBER 24, 1875

Sherbrooke, Quebec, the chief city of the Eastern Townships, with a population of about 25,000, received its charter as a city on this date. Sherbrooke is an enterprising centre and has owned its water and electric power since 1904.

DECEMBER 25, 1635

Christmas Day is the anniversary of the death of Samuel de Champlain, founder of the City of Quebec, the intrepid explorer who, at the age of 35, passed from the scene of his notable services to civilization. Parkman, the historian, says that "Le Jeune, Superior of the Jesuits at Quebec, pronounced his (Champlain's) eulogy and the feeble community built a tomb to his honor."

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished
by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Victoria, Dec. 24—5 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally high and, except for rain on the Northern Coast, fair weather is general on the Pacific Slope. Fair, moderately cold weather prevails in the interior.

Reports
Victoria—Barometer, 30.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .12; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, .11; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 20; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 14; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 30; wind, 10 miles S.; rain, .48; weather, raining.

Kesteven—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles N.E.; weather, fair.

Tatoush—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 32; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .08; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.48; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .20; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, .06; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 46; wind, 12 miles N.; weather, clear.

Penticton—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 51; snow, .01.

Regina—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 27; minimum, 18; snow, .3 in.

Temperature
Victoria 42 35
Vancouver 41 36
Nelson 38 28
Calgary 42 34
Edmonton 36 29
Qu'Appelle 30 22

FIRST BAPTIST SERVICES

The Christmas spirit was prevalent to a marked degree at all services in the First Baptist Church yesterday. The pastor, Rev. W. P. Freeman, spoke in the morning on the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem, drawing lessons therefrom applicable to the present period in world history. In the evening the theme under discussion was "Playing the Christmas Game." The music for the day was directed by the chorister, F. L. Toman, and in addition to the favorite Christmas hymns the choir rendered two appropriate anthems, "Adesti Fideles" (Novello)

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and "Break Forth Into Joy" (Harris) with soprano solos by the Misses C. Strickland and K. Bradshaw. J. W. Buckler sang "Anthem Celestial" (Joseph Adams) and "The Star of Bethlehem" (Stephen Adam) was given by F. L. Toman. The house and decorating committee of the Women's Union of the church collected themselves in the tasteful manner in which they had arranged the auditorium and platform with ivy, berried holly and festoons of cedar, supplemented with flowering plants and chrysanthemums.

SAANICH RATEPAYERS

A meeting of Saanich Ward Two ratepayers will be held in Cloverdale School, Quadra Street, on Friday evening, December 21, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Ward Association.

Councillor Robt. Macneil will address the meeting on the work of the council during the past year.

Nominations for the coming year will be considered. All ratepayers in Ward Two are requested to attend.

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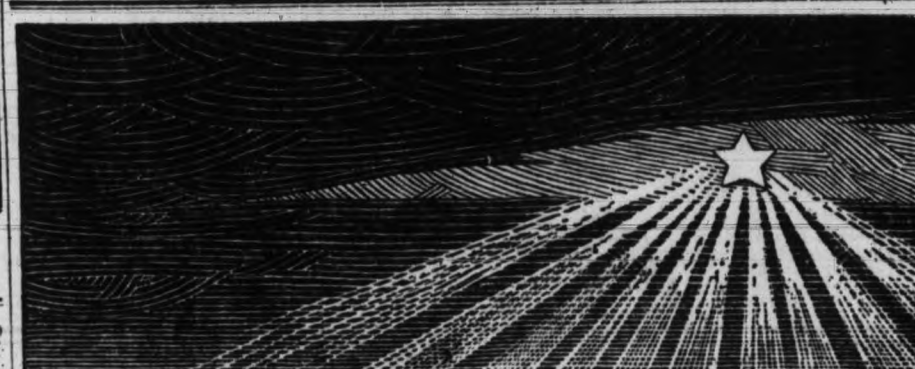
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But to nations and to individuals there comes at this season a message across nineteen centuries: "Peace on earth to men of good will"—and to all the same voice says: "Come unto Me and I will give you Rest."

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Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men

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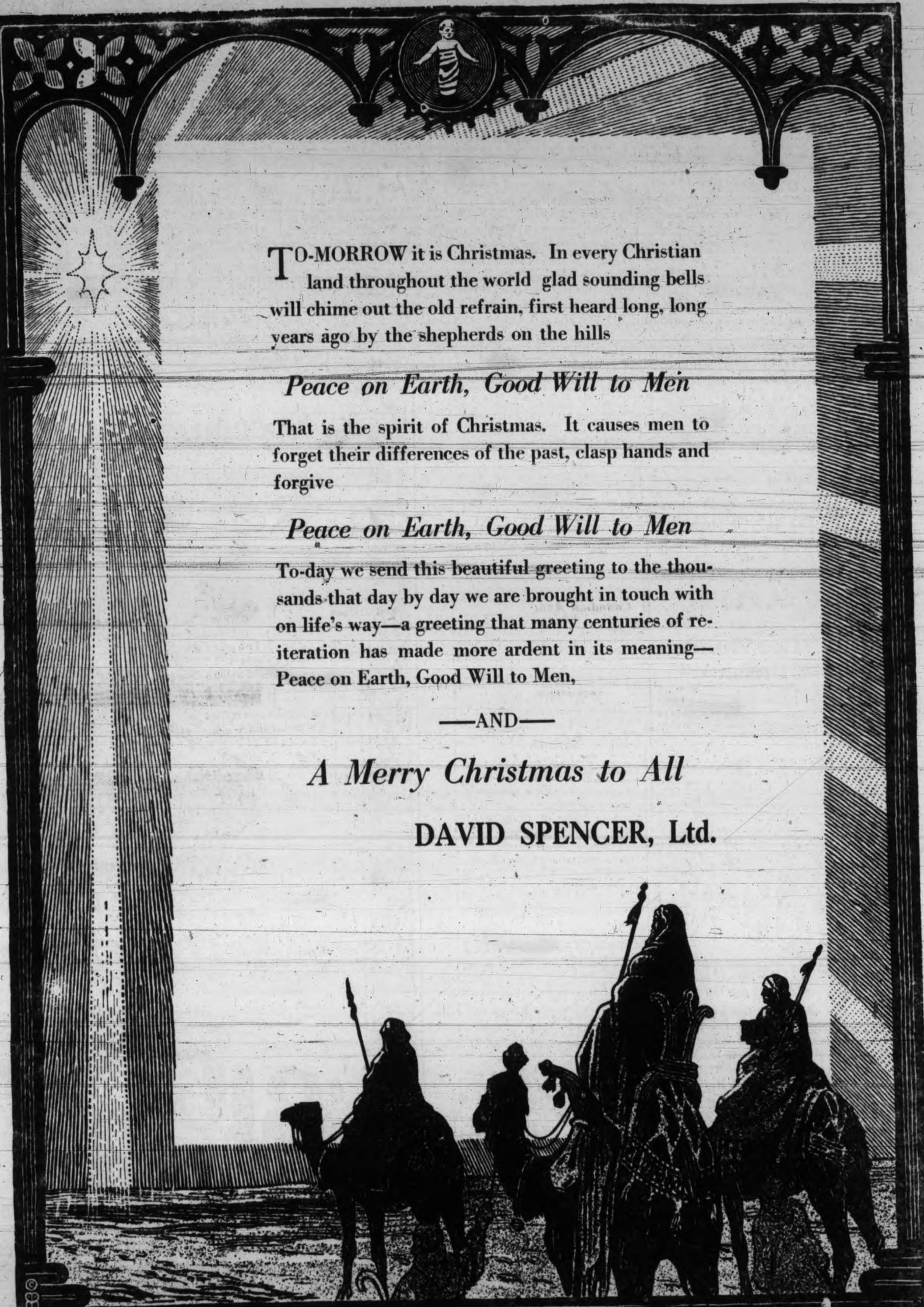
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Dominion—"The Call of the
Canyon."
Columbia—"The Man of the
Forest."
Playhouse—"The Ruling Passion."to remain for six days, is supple-
mented by a cast of worthiness and
repute.Heading the list of popular players,
who bring the famous story to the
silver sheet, is Tom Moore in the
role of Jimmy Donovan, the leader of
the Car-Ban gang on New York's
lower East side. It is doubtful if
Moore ever had a more appropriate
role.Edith Roberts, whose recent
return to the studios after an illness
finds her in greater popularity than
ever, plays the feminine lead. Then
there is Raymond Hatton, also fea-
tured in the role of a dope fiend;
Mickey Bennett, the talented seven-
year-old player, Charles Henderson,
Joe King, Paul Panzer, Nell Kelly,
William Black, Milton Herman, Flo-
rence Ashbrook and Yvonne Hughes
play in support."Big Brother" is a penetrating
story of the lower East side, real-
istic and adroitly done. In Jimmy
Donovan the author, Rex Beach, has
painted a character humane and lov-
able. The story concerns the resolu-
tions of the gang leader to correct
his ways after his lieutenant had
been killed by the bullet from the
gun of a leader of a rival gang. In
chief to take care of his little brother
and to bring him up "different."The elements working against the
gang leader, the depth and sincerity
of his love for Kitty, the angel of the
district, the machinations of Covey
Joe—the dope fiend and the final
triumph of Jimmy Donovan provide
sympathetic and convincing entertain-
ment and true testimony of the
genius of Mr. Dwan and Mr. Beach.Is Stirring Film
of Dramatic Life
Told at Dominion"Call of the Canyon" is Story
Based on After War
ExtravaganceThe bigness of the west and the
nobility of its people, described as
only Zane Grey can describe them,
are shown in "The Call of the Can-
yon," Paramount's second Zane Grey
production, which will be the big
feature at the Dominion Theatre for
six days beginning Monday.The story is the latest written by
this popular author. It treats of a
phase of American life when the love
of ray and the great war. The
part which the west and western
people played in bringing America to
a greater love of wholesome pros-
perity and life in the out-of-doors, is
admirably shown in this excellent
picture.The Call of the Canyon is said to
be one of the best stories ever
written by Zane Grey and in the pro-
duction of the picture, the spirit of
the original has been faithfully re-
tained. Mr. Grey personally assisted
in the search for locations as a back-
ground for the picture.The featured players are Richard
Dix, Lois Wilson and Marjorie Daw
and heading the supporting cast are
Fred Huntley, Richard Cortes and
Noah Heery. The picture was di-
rected by Victor Fleming.The photoplay opens with the ar-
rival from France of Glenn Kil-
bourne, played by Richard Dix, who
finds his sweetheart Carley Burch,
portrayed by Lois Wilson, engrossed
in a gay life in New York. Disgust-
ed with after-war extravagance, he
leaves for Arizona to regain his
health and his faith in mankind.Here he meets Flo Hutter, a role
played by Marjorie Daw. Flo falls in
love with Glenn and, feeling that Car-
ley will never consent to live in the
west, he is on the point of marrying
her.Carley Burch unexpectedly arrives
in Arizona and a series of dramatic
scenes follow in which Carley wages
a battle of wits against Flo for the
affection of Glenn. The bigness of
the spirit of westerners is shown in
the final dramatic scenes which are
filled with suspense up to the climax
of the picture.The Call of the Canyon, it is
stated, will eclipse the former high
standard set by "To the Last Man."Paramount's first Zane Grey pro-
duction which was heralded by critics
as one of the best western pictures
produced during the year.Will Amuse Its
Audiences With
Trick Stunts"A Man of Action" Presents
Unusual Features At RoyalIt took a mechanical genius to
figure out the sliding panels, folding
staircases, secret recesses and "es-
capes" that get a record number of
laughs in "A Man of Action," Thomas
H. Ince's clever new mystery comedy,
which is the attraction at the Royal
all day to-day and Tuesday night
only. The young inventor who fig-
ured out the special sets is now mak-
ing a fortune as the result of his
clever mechanical work for the pro-
duction which started him on the
road to success.When plans for the picture were
being made, technicians at the Ince
studios were at a loss to figure out
the sets required by the script for the
story. "The Deacon," a mirth-provoking
eccentric character, works out his pet
hobby of secret "escapes." Several
mechanical contrivances were con-
sulted.Mr. Ince finally learning of a young
inventor who had been trying to in-
terest the studios in an original idea
for a novel set of stage machinery,
the inventor was given an opportunity
to draw up and submit a set of plans
for special sets which proved to be
of unusual interest.As a result of his success with these sets,
the young chap is now in constant
demand at the various studios for
special productions.BARBARY COAST SETS
The first of the special sets used
in "A Man of Action" shows an
interior of a dingy cafe on the
Barbary Coast of San Francisco.When Bruce MacAllister, a young
millionaire who is viewing the un-
derworld in disguise, "looks" against
an apparently harmless wall, he is
suddenly precipitated into a secret
room where four crooks have been
planning a diamond robbery. He is
cordially welcomed by the other
three as a worthy successor.Other trick sets were worked out
for the scenes when the crooks in-
vade the millionaire's house. "The
Deacon," when they are all locked
up together for twenty-four hours,
promptly sets to work to provide a
number of "escapes" similar to the
one which got the millionaire into so
much trouble. The first one is a re-
volving panel ruthlessly cut from the
fine woodwork of the millionaire's
mansion which gives Douglas Mac-
Lean and Raymond Hatton, who are
featured in the story, some peerless
opportunities for comedy. Another
one is made in front of the fireplace
in the living-room and brings roars
of laughter by dropping unsuspecting
guests with breath-taking swiftness
into the cellar.With the aid of the novelty sets,
MacLean and Hatton have put over
comedy said to be even funnier than
that in "The Hotentot," Ince's screen
version of Willie Collyer's stage play,
in which the pair of comedians have
scored one of the season's triumphs.
Margaret de la Motte has the role of
the capricious sweetheart who starts
all the trouble in the picture when
she taunts her rich fiance into step-
ping out of his rut and becoming "A
Man of Action."Claire Adams
is Talented Star
of FilmdomStars in Story at Columbia in
"Man of the Forest""Claire Adams is rapidly becoming
the screen's greatest emotional ac-
tress. If you doubt, or if you have
not seen her recently, her role in
"The Man of the Forest," Ben R.
Hampton's great photoplay of the
novel by Zane Grey, a Hodgkinson re-
lease, which you can see at the
Columbia Theatre to-day, is positive
proof. Moreover, she is growing
more screeny beautiful and graceful
than ever before.Natural talent, even genius, cannot
teach one shadow-stage art in a day,
and the actor or actress who does not
progress with each picture, even
after years of experience, is a lag-
gard. Miss Adams has made won-
derfully rapid progress in the short
time she has been before the camera.
She has a natural fire and talent, and
a wonderful labored ability to act.The talent is there in her portrayal
of "Helen Raynor" in "The Man of
the Forest"—brought out, broadened
and strengthened by a polish and
sureness of technique that marks
Miss Adams' progress from her first
pictures. She has a strong, calm,
poised naturalness of manner that
builds for her a "different" screen
personality. Sincerity in her motto
and the keynotes of her acting, and
this sincerity, combined with that in-
born inspirational fire, make Miss
Adams' climb to fame one of the
most meteor-like on record.She is introduced in "The Man of
the Forest" as a little Missouri music
teacher, but at the very opening of
the story Fate waves a magic wand,
and she goes to Arizona—modern
Arizona, but a fairland of adven-
ture, love and romance. There's a
big, strong, most strangely fascina-
ting hero with whom she falls in
love, a sister she has to protect, and
several villains who plot against her
in one way or another—and not a dull
moment from the time of her arrival
until the moment of her great happi-
ness in the end.POLICE STATE
L. KORETZ MAY
BE IN CANADAChicago, Dec. 24.—Search for Leo
Koretz, who vanished after relatives
and friends had invested \$5,000,000
in a business enterprise promoted by
him, was being continued today. A report by
the sheriff of Berrien County, Michigan,
that a man resembling Koretz had
passed through that section a week
ago with a companion in an auto-
mobile, was being investigated on
the theory that Koretz may have
fled to Canada.
Federal and state authorities who
have been hunting Koretz declared
there never had been any actual
trace of the fugitive since he pur-
chased a ticket in the Pennsylvania
station in New York. He was be-
lieved to have torn this ticket up,
they said.Anna Pavlova
Coming to City
on January 8Famous Danseuse Will be Seen
at Royal ShortlyOvershadowing other musical-
theatrical events of the present
season in Victoria, the coming of
Anna Pavlova, premiere danseuse of
all the world, and her brilliant Ballet
Russe, is rich in promise for music-
lovers and devotees of the terpsichorean art. Pavlova opened her
present season at Covent Garden,
London, in a fortnight's engagement
said to have proven the most suc-
cessful in her unique career. Lon-
don reviewers hunted in vain for
some word to epitomize the won-
derous art of the Russian danseuse.
The London Chronicle, of September
11, has this to say:
"Covent Garden was crowded to its
utmost and gave Pavlova a royal
welcome last night. The corps de
ballet is beautifully trained, and M.
Nokoff, premier danseur, proved a
brilliant dancing partner for the star.
Mlle. Hilda Borisova, as premiere
danseuse classique, proved herself of
delightful terpsichorean achieve-
ments.""But Pavlova we went to see. All
the magic of gracefulness and beauty
she once possessed are still hers, and
in full measure. She is like no dan-
cer who has come to London in a
generation. She is with us for a
fortnight before going to America,
and all who love her and her ex-
quisite art should rush to see her."
With her entire Paris and London
organization, numbering eighty people
Pavlova will come to the Royal Vic-
toria for one performance on the eve-
ning of Tuesday, January 8. The
programme will shortly be an-
nounced.

TORONTO DEATHS

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Two men, John
C. Lema and Herbert Pearce, sixty-
seven, both of this city, died on Sat-
urday as a result of heart attacks.Royal
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looking girls who appear in a pro-
gramme of new songs and comedy
skits. Both young ladies are re-
spected as exceptionally clever com-
edienne.

Joe Reichen has an animal act
which is the best of its kind. Dis-
tinctive—nothing like it anywhere.
The dogs in the act are tiny little fel-
lows, but remarkably trained.

Mary Drew & Company, acrobats
extraordinary, and John Burke, who
has a line of juggling, song and dance,
round out the programme. The pic-
ture offering is Baby Face in the
Century Comedy, "Miles of Smiles."
There will be two evening perfor-
mances to-morrow commencing at
8 and 9, and on Wednesday there will
be a matinee at 2, as well as the two
evening shows.

'The Perfect Fool' Will be Here For Two Nights Soon

One of the most important engage-
ments of the present season is an-
nounced for the Royal Victoria
Theatre, two nights, Wednesday and
Thursday, January 9 and 10.

It is Ed Wynn, "The Perfect Fool,"
which is his new musical laughing
riot, which ran one year in New York,
and comes here almost directly from
a most successful three months run
in Chicago, two months at the Co-
lonial Theatre, Boston and long
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self, and the many beautiful stage
and dancing pictures created by Ju-
lian Mitchell.

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Fool" is under the personal direction
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Many Buying Opera Tickets by Mail Now

"Madame Butterfly" and "Rig-
oletto" to be Produced Here

According to Manager Cliff Den-
ham, at the Royal Victoria Theatre,
the very first announcement that the
San Carlo Grand Opera Company
would be in Victoria for two operas
on January 2 and 3, has been the
signal for a great rush for seats.
Mail orders kept pouring in all day
Saturday and Monday morning.

The San Carlo Opera Company is
to bring its entire company of one
hundred, with a full symphonic or-
chestra and an unusual chorus of
singing artists; the cast is really
quite superb.

"Rigoletto" will open the season
and "Madame Butterfly" close it.
The former is the greatest dramatic
offering, the greatest dramatic opera
of the old-time composer, Giuseppe
Verdi, Italy's greatest operatic com-
poser.

The latter, "Madame Butterfly," is
the finest work of Verdi's natural
successor, Giacomo Puccini, the
greatest living opera composer.
Puccini is responsible for "La Bo-
hème," "Manon" and "Tosca."

"Rigoletto" is known to the great
crowd outside the regular field of
opera-goers for its superb "Quar-
tette" and also for the coloratura
masterpiece "Caro Nome," and the
two-tenor popular melodies, "La
donna mobile" and "Quella Quella."

Then there are the immortal duets
of Gilda and her father, and Gilda
and her lover. There is the heart-
rending cry of Rigoletto to the court-
iers, begging for his daughter.

Rigoletto is truly an opera of tunes
that can be whistled. Chances are
ten to one that many who think they
do not care to hear grand opera know
at least five of the Rigoletto melodies.

With Madame Butterfly, the in-
terest in things Japanese is so great,
intensified by the recent earthquake,
that it may be said to have been car-
ried to the point where it is to-day
the most popular opera of all.

The scenes in Butterfly are laid in
a Japanese garden. The characters
are an American marine, the Consul
of the United States, the little Jap-
anese, Cio Cio San and the com-
panion Suzuki. Then there are the
Marriage Broker, and the High
Priest, the guests at the wedding
and many other natives.

Naturally the presence of Haru
Onuki the great Japanese prima
donna will give to Butterfly a true
and admirable color. Onuki is an
interpreter of unusual artistry and
figure, voice, manner, gesture give to
the opera something it could not
have without her. Demetrio Onofrei
will be her tenor, he is a great young
artist. Mario Valle is the Consul
and this he has sung about six hun-
dred times before the most critical
audiences. Anita Klinova will sing
the part of the companion, Suzuki,
and it is a shame that the folks of
the kimono will hide the charm of
one who could head any Musical
Comedy show or Follies! Natale

Cervi and others complete a memor-
able cast.
But in the opening opera, a great
opera will be introduced to Vic-
toria. It is Consuelo Escobar, her-
self one of the greatest coloraturas
in the new world. She is a Mexican
by birth but she has spent the largest
part of her career in Barcelona,
Spain, where she was leading prima
donna. In Mexico City, she was
chosen by the late lamented Enrico
Caruso for his companion artist.

With Escobar, are Stella de Mette,
as Maddalena, and Onofrei, as the
Duke. Almost as great interest here
will be felt in the appearance of
Mario Basiola as the evil jester,
Rigoletto. Basiola is an actor of
powerful interpretations and he will
bring to Rigoletto all the evil, crudity,
fiendishness and later the anguish
and torture of his broken soul.

The company comprises more than
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The settings are new and beautiful.
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Ida Darling at Playhouse in Delightful Scene

She Presents "The Ruling Pas-
sion" Opposite George Arliss

Ida Darling, who plays opposite
George Arliss in the latter's newest
photoplay, "The Ruling Passion," is
one of the most delightful "mothers"
on the screen, and her beauty and
charming manners, her gray hair and
brown eyes, have endeared her to
millions of photoplays in the many
years she has appeared on the screen.
Miss Darling has achieved a quiet
little nook of her own for her "grand-
dame" roles, and her work hereto-
fore, with the principal screen stars,
has been of the very highest order.

"The Ruling Passion," a United Ar-
tists release, is being shown at the
Playhouse to-day.
Miss Darling was born and edu-
cated in New York, and when still a
young girl she went on the stage and
"made good." For seventeen years
she played in Broadway successes.
It would be futile to set down the
whole category of photoplays in which
Miss Darling has played a part.

HOLD SCHOOL CLOSING

Closing exercises of Malvern House
School, Burdett Avenue, held on Fri-
day evening, were well attended by
parents and friends. A concert was
given by the children and included
recitations by Dorothy Fairclough,
Josephine Chefenux, Alex. Dobbie
and Roney Fairclough; dances in
costume by Alethia Curtiss, and
tableaux under the direction of Joan
Hamblin.

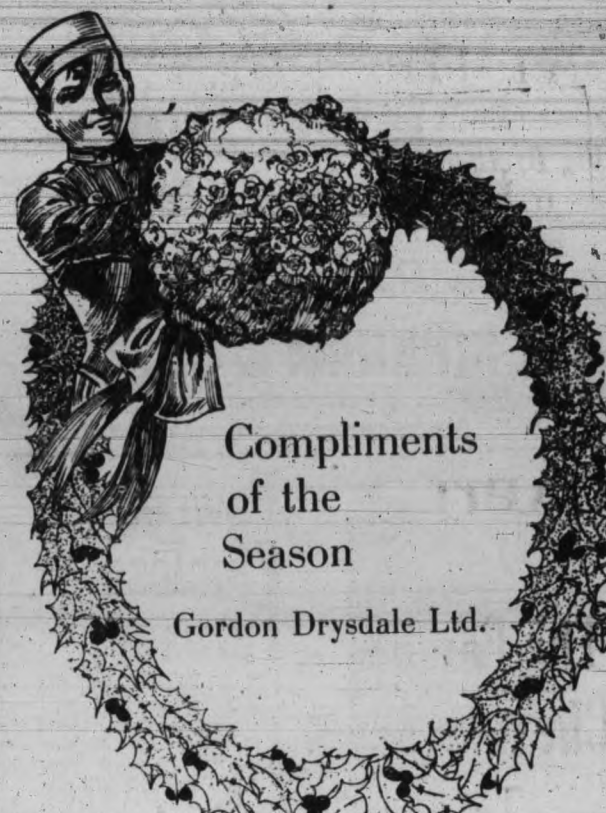
Mr. Emerson told how highly
gratifying were the results of the
first year's work. So much so that
the coming year would necessitate
their seeking more commodious
quarters.

Gordon Shaw presented the chil-
dren with their term reports and
prizes, following which he traced
the history of Malvern House in an
interesting manner and exhorted the
pupils in devotion to high ideals and
the building of character along with
their school work.

Refreshments were served, fol-
lowed by a well-laden Christmas
tree. Prizes were given as follows:
Highest in all subjects, Josephine
Chefenux, by Mr. Emerson; attend-
ance, Alethia Curtiss, by Mrs. Em-
erson; French, Josephine Chefenux, by
Miss Bidwell.

RESEARCH WORK

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Creation of a di-
vision of scientific research in the
Dairy and Cold Storage Branch, to be
headed by Dr. E. C. Hood, late of
Macdonald College, has been an-
nounced by the Minister of Agricul-
ture.



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Spain's Galli-Curci, as the daughter; Mario Basiola, dis-
tinguished baritone, as Rigoletto; Demetrio Onofrei, Stella
de Mette, Pietro di Biasi and others.

THURSDAY

Puccini's Japanese Epic

"MADAME BUTTERFLY"

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Special to The Times

Happy Valley, Dec. 23.—The Happy Valley and Luxton school children held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in the community hall on Thursday night. A very attractive programme was presented by the children, they having been well trained by their teacher, Miss Stewart. The chair was taken by Trustee A. Hankin, while F. W. Baker made a very competent and jovial Santa Claus, who handed out the gifts from the large decorated tree to every child present. A pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the special prize-giving, the teacher presenting the following: For writing, Evelyn Smith; for spelling, Grace Hisham; for good work, Norman Rhode. Jeanne McLeod, who had made the greatest improvement in her work during the term, was the proud recipient of a beautifully-built dolls' house, made and presented by Mr. Weeks, a resident of the Luxton district. Votes of thanks were passed to Miss Stewart, the chairman, and Santa Claus, and to all helpers, and refreshments and games concluded a very delightful evening.



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CHILDREN'S BALL EVENT OF YEAR

Fancy Dress Ball on Friday Next is Eagerly Anticipated

Christmas week brings with it two of the most eagerly anticipated events of the childish heart. Christmas Day is the paramount joy of the whole year to the children, and following it closely in point of enjoyment as in point of time is the fancy dress ball, annually arranged for the delectation by the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E.

The ball takes place on Friday, December 28, at the Empress Hotel, when, transformed by the aid of mother's clever brain and deft fingers, the youngsters of Victoria will, in merry guise of fairy tale or story-book character, to dance to the strains of Heaton's nine-piece orchestra.

Grownups who have watched the childish revels from seven to nine o'clock will, at the latter hour when the children troop off to the dining room for supper, take possession of the ballroom, this orchestra continuing to play for them till one o'clock. People attending the pantomime will also join the dance, after the show, at half price.

Mrs. Mortimer Appleby is in charge of the arrangements.

PRINCESS MARY'S SON NOT PRINCE

London, Dec. 24.—Ever since Princess Mary's son and heir came into the world last Winter there has been much speculation as to whether he is a plain commoner or a prince of the royal blood. But the speculation is ended, and Great Britain now knows the King's grandson is not a prince of the royal blood, but simply the Hon. Henry Hubert Lascelles, or Master Lascelles for short.

This decision is conveyed by the 1924 Debrett's, the unquestioned guide to the genealogy of royalty and the aristocracy of the kingdom.

The new issue says a royal warrant of December 11, 1917, declares young Lascelles from being a royal prince. The warrant asserts that none but sons of the sovereign and the eldest living son of the Prince of Wales shall have and hold the style, title and attribute of Royal Highness, with titular dignity of prince and princess.

The warrant does not mention grandchildren of the King who may be the children of the monarch's daughter.

Lady Astor Sends Christmas Wishes

London, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press cable).—Lady Astor asks the Canadian Press to send a Christmas message for her to the United States and Canada, in which she makes reference to the war and the help she has ministered to wounded Canadian soldiers on the Astor estate at Cliveden, Taplow, Buckinghamshire.

"When Christmas comes my heart turns back to Dixie and to Canada. I hope our Cliveden Canadians will miss us just a little. We shall think of them and drink their health in 'grade A' milk—the kind they know so well."

SMUTS IS UNABLE TO VISIT THE U.S.

New York, Dec. 24.—General Jan Smuts will be unable to accept the invitation of the Foreign Policy Association to visit the United States, according to a cable from the South African Premier made public here today.

Explaining that his public duties would not permit of his coming to the United States at this time, General Smuts said he had long looked forward to such a visit whenever his official work would permit.

NANAIMO PIONEER DIES

Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—Alfred John Dixon, a resident of Nanaimo for fifty years, died here yesterday. He was born in Chicago eighty-seven years ago and was a charter member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, under whose auspices the funeral will be held here Thursday. He is survived by one son, A. W. Dixon, of Nanaimo, and one daughter, Mrs. Vestus Quibby, of Seattle.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

St. Paul's Royal Naval Station and Garrison Church, Esquimalt: Christmas Eve, 7.30 p.m.—Evening and preparation for Holy Communion. Christmas Day: Holy Communion 7 and 8 o'clock; Matins and Choral Communion, 10.30 o'clock; Evensong, 4 o'clock.

December 27: Special children's carol; service (adults invited), 7 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Esquimalt, is pleased to thank the Catholic Women's League; P. Burns & Co., Ltd., who supplied all the meat, the merchants and all others who helped them to send out forty Christmas boxes.



Social Personal

Mrs. J. C. L. White, of Ottawa, arrived here yesterday on a brief visit.

Mr. Max Leiser, who has been spending the past few months in California, has returned home.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Martin, of Montreal, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Miss Anne Moyle, of Queen's Bay, who has been visiting Col. and Mrs. Lister here, has returned home.

Mr. James Morton, secretary to Hon. John Oliver, has left for Vancouver to spend Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Adams, of Duncan, will be the guests of Mr. Justice and Mrs. D. M. Eberts for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thompson, of the Gorge, left on Saturday on a week's visit to their daughter, Mrs. L. A. Pineo, of Alberni.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy James, Montreux Avenue, have as their guests for the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Horace Oldfield and children, from Prospect Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nairn, Rockland Avenue, have gone to Vancouver to spend Christmas week with their family. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nairn, and Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Bell.

Mr. J. M. F. Telfer, formerly of this city, and now of Kamloops, has arrived at the Dominion Hotel for Christmas.

Captain Douglas Brown, superintendent of the B.C. lake and river service of the C.P.R., has arrived to spend Christmas with his family.

Mrs. S. P. McMordie, of Prince Rupert, who has been spending several days here and in Vancouver, has now returned home.

Mr. Victor Sutherland arrived from Vancouver yesterday afternoon to spend Christmas with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sutherland, Foul Bay Road.

Miss Jeanne Robbins, of St. Joseph's Hospital, left yesterday afternoon for Revelstoke to spend Christmas at her home there.

Mr. Chator Payne, of Vancouver, arrived in Victoria yesterday to spend Christmas with his family here.

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Griffiths, Oscar Street, left for Vancouver, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bull.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Fennell are leaving to-morrow to spend Christmas in Vancouver with Mr. Fennell's mother, Mrs. Fennell, the Beaconsfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. George Lindsay, of Vancouver, will spend Christmas in Victoria as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell Brown, Linden Ave. Taplow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, of Calgary, are spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Brockbank, Point Street.

Mr. L. A. Campbell, of Rossland, has arrived in Victoria to spend Christmas with his family at their home on St. Charles Street.

Miss F. E. Wylie, of Vancouver, is spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Benson, at the Balmoral Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneyd, of Vancouver, arrived in Victoria yesterday and for the Christmas holidays are guests at the Balmoral Hotel.

Miss Henderson, of Vancouver, arrived in Victoria last week to spend a few weeks as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Galt, Rockland Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. McCurt, of Vancouver, have arrived in Victoria to spend Christmas with the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. McCarter, Craigdarroch Road.

The Empress Hotel and other local hotels are resplendent in their Yuletide dress of evergreens, scarlet berries and flaming poinsettias. Christmas bells and wreaths add to the general festiveness.

Christmas week, everyone at such a time making every effort to spend the holiday in the home, but for residents and those who may seek accommodation as transients, as well as those who make up parties for lunch or dinner at the hotels a jolly welcome is spirit prevailing.

Mischel and Jan Cherniavsky, two of the famous trio of musicians, will be heard in a special joint recital.



YOUR HOME AND YOU

By HELEN KENDALL

Christmas Greens

"There is one thing I hope never to deprive my youngsters of," said a business man the other day, "and that is the annual trip to the woods after Christmas greens for the house. Every year since we were married, my wife and I have bundled ourselves up in warm togs and gone out a day or two before Christmas and gathered branches, spruce and hemlock, and occasionally some mistletoe, though this is rare in our part of the country. After the children came, this excursion into the woods became as much a part of Christmas as the tree, the stockings and the dinner. We used to go out in the early morning, near the open woods, and to get out and chop down our own Christmas tree and bring it home on a low sledge. No tree bought at the corner store could ever be as beautiful and significant as the one we chose after much searching, chopping down with sounding blows, and brought home in triumph. Then the time came when we had to move into town, because of my having a good deal of night work, and it took too long to get away out into the country late at night. We couldn't bring home our own Christmas tree any more, but if we could and did take a whole day to go out and get our Christmas greens, and we do it every year. If the weather is open and there isn't too much snow, we take the car and drive out to the woods, taking a couple of bacon, coffee and eggs to be cooked over an open fire, and a hot bath with loads of soap and sponges. There is a great deal of snow out there, and it is impossible to take the car out, we go on the train to a convenient country station, get off and tramp through the woods, and select our Christmas decorations. If we have too large a load to take into the coach, I find that the baggage car will bring it in to town for a half-dollar or so. The spirit of Christmas comes back with us from the woods, and the twining of our own greens into wreaths and festoons means a hundred times more than if we bought them out of a wooden packing box at the florist's."

BRING CHRISTMAS TO LITTLE DYING BOY

To a little seven-year-old boy dying in a Washington hospital yesterday, who repeatedly expressed his great desire to live to see one more Christmas, the great festival was prematurely conjured up by the efforts of the hospital staff.

When it became evident that the child could not live throughout the day Christmas was brought to his bedside. Evergreens, poinsettias and holly wreathed his cot, and toys and symphony of the holiday were gathered in his little wasted arms when the Great Reaper found him.

Syrian Princess College Graduate

A Syrian Princess, born of a royal and ancient house and brought up from babyhood in the Holy Land under the shadow of Mount Lebanon and in reach of the centuries old home of Naaman, great Syrian captain and leper, the well of Rebecca and the old ruins of the stately temple of Baalbek.

Such is Princess Rahme Haider, an interesting visitor in Victoria over the week-end.

Of exceptional charm and wide culture, the Princess unites in her person the witchery of the Orient linked with the democratic ideals of the West. Her education began in the American schools at Sidon and Beirut, and was completed in the United States, where she graduated from Chicago University and from the University of Southern California.

She is accompanied on her travels by Miss Lucille Burgess, an American girl, whose study of Oriental music renders her a valuable assistant in the interpretation of the old Bible stories which the Princess has so wonderfully dramatized at the Centennial Church.

"Our ultimate aim is eventually to project these impressive stories upon the screen, so that a world-wide knowledge of the Holy Land and its early Christian history may result," she said to The Times prior to her departure for the East.

This is her first tour on Canadian soil. She will visit the larger cities and embark later at Halifax for England.

The Princess was just completing her college course when war broke out, and being detained in America she decided to make her life-work the interpretation of her native land and its rich fund of historical and Biblical tradition to the Occidental countries of the world.

In her native robes, fashioned after the manner of her royal house, with heavy gold embroidery, the Princess vividly depicts the ancient Christian histories, interpreting as only one of native birth could do the Oriental character and emotions.

under the auspices of the Vancouver Women's Musical Club on Friday, December 28, in the Hotel Vancouver, and in a public recital again on January 2. A cordial invitation is given locally in the careers of these gifted musicians, strengthened by reason of their connection by marriage with the well-known Rogers family of Vancouver.

Mr. Ovington Watt, of Regina, Sask., came over on Saturday's boat from Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Watt, 1308 Dallas Road.

Mrs. Packenham and her little son Christopher are visitors in the mainland city for the Christmas season, and are guests of Mrs. Frances Clarke, of Kitsilano.

The regular meeting of Royal Review No. 18, W.R.A., will be held at Harmony Hall on Wednesday evening, December 26. A social time will be spent after the meeting and members are asked to bring their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ridout, 533 Oswego Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gladys Ethel, to Mr. A. T. G. Smilie, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smilie, of this city. The marriage will take place Jan. 9 at First Baptist Church.

A charming scene of merrymaking was the children's fancy dress dance given on Saturday night by Mrs. Simpson at St. Mary's Hall, Oak Bay. A lovely scheme of pink chrysanthemums and shaded lights, augmented by hundreds of gay streamers suspended from the ceiling made the hall an effective background for the little guests, who in varied guise of Puritan and Pierrette, clown and fairy, or other well-known characters, stepped merrily through the mazy dance to the strains of Miss Thain's orchestra. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

A very enjoyable surprise party took place on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mackay, McNair Street, in honor of their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay were presented with several useful pieces of silverware. A very pleasant evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music and dancing. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Buckler, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. D. McCaig, Miss Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Raife, Mr. and Mrs. Dakers, Mr. Norman Murray, Mrs. Hume, Mr. and Mrs. J. McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. R. MacKenzie and others.

"The Scottish Daughters' League held their fortnightly dance at the home of Mrs. J. H. Macdonald, of Mrs. Riley and an able committee. The feature of the occasion was a special visit from the Victoria Caledonian Society and a very pleasant evening was spent by hostesses and unexpected guests alike. Arrangements were made for a Burns supper to take place at the K. of P. Hall on January 25. The Scottish Daughters will also entertain the members and their families at the Rex Theatre on January 4. Special plans are being made for the enjoyment of the children on this date."

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At the public hospitals to-day and to-morrow arrangements are being made to celebrate the festive season.

At the Jubilee Hospital there will be an entertainment this evening in the children's ward, and to-morrow at noon the special Christmas dinner will be served to the nurses. Those patients who are allowed Yuletide fare will also participate. A number of the directors will attend each function, in accordance with usual practice. There will be a special nurses' communion service for those members of the staff who are Anglicans to-morrow morning.

For the Christmas season the interior of St. Joseph's Hospital presents a festive appearance with its decorations of evergreens, holly and brilliant streamers, while potted plants and flowers lend a distinctive charm to the surroundings. As a prize was to be awarded for the best decorated ward, keen competition was shown, and much pleasure experienced by the patients of the soldiers' ward on winning the coveted honor.

On Christmas morning as a fitting commencement for this day of goodness, special service will be held in the chapel by the Reverend Father Sohri.

There will be the usual dinner at noon for the nursing staff, and for those patients who are allowed Christmas fare.



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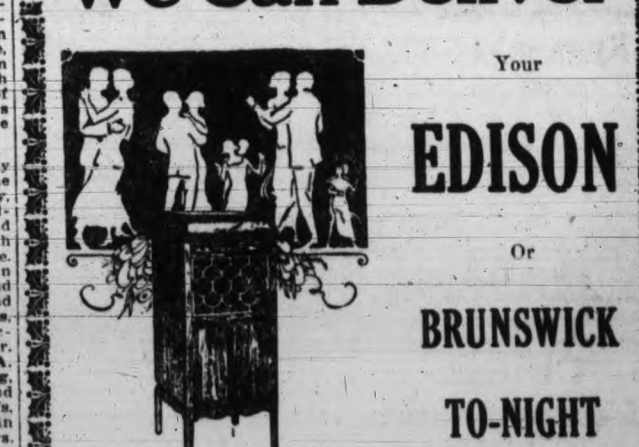
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BASEBALL, GOLF, FOOTBALL, HOCKEY, SPORTING NEWS, BOXING, SWIMMING

Westies Prove Too Strong for Vets; Cannot Be Caught

Greenshirts Will be Crowned Champions on First Division Once Again

Wards at Last Win a Game and Esquimaux Continue to Show Fine Form

First Division Standing	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	P.
Westies	9	8	0	30	5	18	
Veterans	10	6	2	1	22	12	13
Esquimaux	3	5	2	1	17	12	11
S.O.E.	3	3	5	1	10	15	7
Moore's	8	3	4	0	21	27	6
Navy	10	2	7	1	16	25	5
Wards	8	1	8	0	18	22	2

Saturday's soccer games settled several points of interest for the fans. One was that the Veterans have not a line-up that can beat the Victoria Westies and the other was that the Wards were destined to win a game in the division.

The Westies demonstrated their class as league leaders when they disposed of the Veterans, who are trotting along in the runners-up place. It is practically impossible for any club to catch the greenshirts now as they have a lead of five points over the Veterans.

That Esquimaux club continued to show its fine form by disposing of the Sons of England by a comfortable margin. The Sons have been showing poor form since their defeat by Esquimaux.

The North Wards have come into their own and are now in the winning column. They defeated the Wards by a score of 2-1.

Saturday's results were as follows: Victoria Westies 2, Veterans 0; Esquimaux 3, S.O.E. 2; North Wards 3, Moore's 2.

Fully demonstrating their right as leaders of the First Division, Football League the Victoria Westies took the Veterans into camp at the Royal Athletic Park on Saturday afternoon and defeated them by a score of 2-1.

According to an announcement made to-day, the Veterans will protest the game on six points, one of which arises over the alleged handling of the second goal by Archie Muir.

PROTEST GOAL

The second counter scored well on in the second period, was protested by the Veterans, claiming that in the scrimmage in front of their goal, Archie Muir sent the ball into the net with his hand.

However, the referee upheld that it was a fair goal and when Johnny Cummings disputed his decision he was put off by Referee Alcock.

Playing was considerably hampered by the slippery condition of the field and at times that playing of both teams was ragged, however, the Westies showed a better team spirit than their opponents who resorted too much to individual work, on the part of their forwards.

WESTS PRESS

From the kick-off the Westies took the offensive and Leeming, the opposing goalie, was called upon to stop a few wicked ones which he cleared in fine style. The Vets cleared the ball, but it was returned again and Youson scored the first goal for the champions.

A perfect pass from Sherratt at right wing and shot the ball into the goal giving Leeming no chance to save. This seemed to give things up and the Vets came within an ace of scoring when in a general melee in front of their goal Shandley fell and punched the leather to the side of the goal.

The Vets were robbed again when Preston sent in a hot drive and Bob Whyte put his head to it, however, he only deflected the ball course and it just hit the post and placed off to the side. The Westies then relieved the pressure and the back division of the Vets was kept busy. An unfortunate accident happened at this stage of the game when one of the Vets star full-backs, who was heading the ball, was carried off the field. The half-time whistle blew with play in mid-field.

WESTS SCORE AGAIN

For the best part of the final frame the Vets were pressing hard on the Westies' citadel.

They seemed to have when it came to shooting the ball into the goal. Johnny Cummings missed a neat chance to sag the hem when he missed an easy kick, knowing the ball right into Shandley's arms.

A narrow shave was registered when Jimmy Cummings kicked a beautiful corner and Cummings headed the ball, however Shandley was right there and fisted the ball out of the net. Shandley played a great game between the posts.

The old veteran Bob Whyte played a great game for the greenshirts at full-back while, Archie Muir was the pick of the forwards.

Burton played a stellar game for the Vets at full-back while Merri-

Ireland First to Send in Challenge For the Davis Cup

New York, Dec. 24.—Ireland, which made its debut last season as a Davis Cup contender, has filed the first challenge for the 1924 contest for international team tennis honors, it was announced last night by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Forwards Profit By Mis-kicks of Backs in Slush

Weather Made Grounds Treacherous For Old Country Football Saturday

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press). Football was played on muddy fields and under depressing conditions Saturday. The ground was treacherous after the snowfall and subsequent thaw. The fullbacks mis-kicked and gave the forwards the chances they were quick to seize. There was sensational scoring in the Chelsea match.

Its centre forward, Andrew Wilson, made five great shots, one of which hit the bar and the others went a few inches inside the bar, but Dawson, Burnley's goalkeeper, stopped each time.

Eighty thousand persons were assembled at Charlton's new home at Catford which promises to be one of London's very best grounds. Five of Huddersfield's goals were scored in the second half. The Yorkshire team scored more goals than it has ever done in any previous game since its entry into the first division.

JONES-A STAR

There was an early surprise for 16,000 spectators when Notts Forest took the lead from West Ham through Flood, who was allowed to go on, and scored from an offside position. Spectators expressed their opinion of the referee. Flood earned an unusual volume of cheers on a visiting ground.

He started at inside right, but when Jones got hurt he went to full-back and there not only carried out the duties of the job, but gave the Hammer back plenty of trouble.

Ill feeling crept into the Blackburn-Tottenham game when the latter won at Blackburn for the first time in its history. Heated as the game was, it was left to the referee to decide whether to leave the field for treatment and there were loud cries for the offender to be sent off. The referee, however, refused to do so.

On Christmas Day the Victoria Westies and the Esquimaux eleven will clash at the Royal Athletic Park, with the kick-off at 11 o'clock. This will be the game that was ordered, replayed by the officials of the Victoria and District League. The Westies still remain the undefeated leaders of the league but the Esquimaux team gave them a hard run at their last meeting and it is expected that tomorrow's game will provide plenty of excitement for the spectators who attend the battle.

In their last encounter the game was called when the two teams were tied at 1-1. The referee, however, urban opinion are confident that they will hand the greenshirts their first defeat of the year. The Westies will have their strongest line-up tomorrow and will be taking no chances.

The teams will be as follows: Esquimaux—Watt, J. Watt and Carlschlag, Hosmer, Mesher, and Bendall; Stewart, John Watt, Tom Watt, Warren and Frampton.

Jack Youson, manager of the Westies, expects his line-up to turn out. He is not sure of his line-up owing to injuries sustained by some of his players in Saturday's game.

field and Preston showed up well on the forward line.

Alcock handled the whistle.

The Sons of England fielded only ten men to oppose Esquimaux and did not have much of a chance against the fleet youngsters. John Watt scored two goals in the first half and Warren notched another for Esquimaux.

Gregor getting through for the counter, added two, the shots coming off the toes of Phillips and Shanks. In the second half the Watt family added two more goals to Esquimaux's total, while the Sons were unable to score.

The Esquimaux lost the services of their goalkeeper, Hetherington, towards the close of the game. In attempting to clear he received the ball full in the face, and the mud and grit blinded him.

The Wards squeezed through to a win over the Moore after a hard game. The Moore had to shove one of their forwards into goal owing to the absence of Holman. Moulton, the substitute goalie, turned in a very good performance. The Wards scored the only goal of the first half, McGregor getting through for the counter.

In the second half, each club scored twice. Ed Brynjolfsson scored for the Wards, while Cummings and Sherratt created a tie with the counter. In the second half, each club scored twice. Ed Brynjolfsson scored for the Wards, while Cummings and Sherratt created a tie with the counter.

near the close of the game.

Weak Goalie Let St. Pats Pile Up Rather Soft Win

Hamilton Held Toronto Until Last Period; Jack Adams Scores Two Goals

N.H.L. Standing	P.	W.	L.	P.	A.	P.
Ottawa	2	2	0	4		
Toronto	3	2	1	4		
Montreal	2	1	1	2		
Hamilton	3	0	3	0		

Toronto, Dec. 24.—After outplaying St. Patricks for three-quarters of the journey, Hamilton, due to a weak goalkeeper, collapsed and lost the scheduled N.H.L. fixture here on Saturday night, 5 to 2. Three of the goals were scored in forty seconds of consecutive shots, two of them being from outside the defence. Vernon Forbes, who has not struck his stride, was more responsible than any other for the third defeat in succession, received by Hamilton.

In the first period the Tigers had a fairly decisive margin in their favor, but Jack Roach barred the way with some startling saves.

It was decided to use Roach just a few minutes before the game commenced, and the decision was a wise one, for he kept the Irish in the running.

Line-Up

St. Patricks, Position Hamilton

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Owing to the soft ice in Montreal the scheduled game between Ottawa and Canadiens had to be postponed. It will be played later in the season.

Two Vancouver Hoop Teams Will Be Here For Games Saturday

Definite word has been received from the Native Sons, Vancouver, that they will be here on Saturday night to play in the local "Y" gymnasium.

The ex-Normals will also be here, so one of the biggest basketball attractions of the season will be furnished the followers of the game, and there will be plenty of thrills.

With four of the best senior men's teams in the city, the action some fine play should be seen.

According to present plans the games will be played as follows: At 7.30—Ex-Normals, Vancouver, vs. First Presbyterian.

At 8.10—Senior girls, St. Andrew's vs. Christ Church.

At 9—Native Sons, Vancouver, vs. Metropolitans.

In the public school rugby encounter played at the Willows grounds on Saturday afternoon, very marked improvement was shown by both teams, although the George Jay-Oaklands representatives gained more polish than their adversaries from the Margaret Jenkins-Central schools.

In a previous encounter the latter team won by six to nothing, but Saturday's game was a draw. Three points were all that either team could gain. Skillings scored for Margaret Jenkins-Central, and for the George Jay-Oaklands squad.

In the first half the George Jay-Oaklands boys had a slight edge in the play. Their backs worked with perfect precision than was previously the case, and their tackling was more effective.

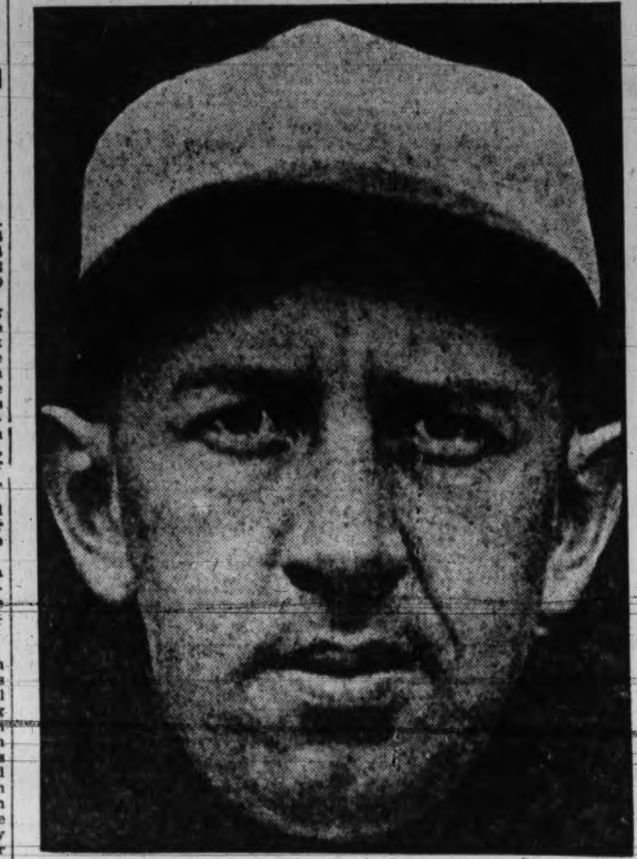
In the second half, however, the boys produced more action. The Margaret Jenkins-Central crew took the offensive. Skillings, Shaw, Burraston and others did the greater part of the attacking, running, tackling and kicking very well. Day, Saville, and Brown showed speed and accuracy in their play at the Oaklands George Jay and of the field.

WORKED VERY HARD

Some forward work, with an occasional three-quarter run, was the vogue. Rarely did the ball pass from the hands of more than one player before it was on the ground and at the foot of the forwards. Despite the lack of good passing, the teams made up for their faults by their earnest and whole-hearted efforts. Every boy on the field was keen to do his part.

The Margaret Jenkins-Central boys, if they had practiced as did their opponents, would have made a far better showing than they did. It is essential for these young players to get out and work if they expect to make a good showing at the game they have chosen to play.

Is Inspired by the Success of Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker



CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—When Kid Gleason resigned as manager of the Chicago White Sox, the general impression was that Eddie Collins, captain and star second-sacker, would succeed him.

Under the Gleason regime, Collins was the first lieutenant to the kid, and his views on all questions received the greatest consideration.

Collins, who suffered an injury to his knee last season that handicapped his play considerably late in the year, has several times expressed the desire to manage a major league club before passing out of the big show.

The fact that in recent years such stars as Speaker, Cobb and Sisler have taken a fling at the managerial game no doubt fired Collins with the ambition to try it. The appointment of Chance to lead the Sox is considered by many as a direct slap at Collins.

It is a well-known fact that Collins was much disappointed last Spring when the trade with New York failed to go through. He was one of the White Sox wanted by New York in exchange for Ward and Meusel.

Ward's great work at second this year has killed off the local league. He has always wanted to play in the big city.

It is questionable if Collins would be content to play as a private under Chance. For that reason he may figure in a Winter trade. At present a deal with Washington is being widely circulated, making Collins the manager of that club.

Girl Swimmer Crosses River Plate, Distance of 30 Miles, in 24 Hours

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24.—A twenty-year-old Anglo-Argentine girl swimmer, Lillian Harrison, has completed a swim across the River Plate, being the first person to accomplish the feat. She started Friday from Colonia on the Uruguayan side, and reached Punta Lara, near La Plata, a distance of about thirty miles, Saturday morning. She swam for twenty-four hours, nineteen minutes.

OLD COUNTRY RUGBY

London, Dec. 24 (Canadian Press). Rugby matches played in the Old Country Saturday resulted as follows: Rosslyn Park 8, Old Uppingham 13; Saracens 6, Tonbridge 0; Old Millfields 5, Old Paulines 14.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Morrie Schlaifer, lightweight boxer, of Omaha, will be under the management of Jack Reddy, St. Paul fight promoter, after January 15, it was announced on Saturday. Schlaifer's contract with Pat Boyle and "Billy" Uvick, of Omaha, expires January 14, and it is expected Schlaifer will move his family to this city then.

Amherst, N.S., Dec. 24.—A four-team independent hockey league was formally made effective Saturday when representatives from Amherst, Halifax, Moncton and Stellarton met here. A thirty-six-game schedule has been drawn up with the league opening in Moncton on December 31. The schedule concludes on February 23.

Papyrus, Epinar and Zev May All Meef in Ascot Cup Race in 1924

New York, Dec. 24.—Two horses may carry the colors of a United States owner, Harry F. Sinclair, in the running of the Ascot Gold Cup race in England next season.

Whether Mr. Sinclair will send both Zev, the champion three-year-old, and Grey Lag, five-year-old, has since been entered by Mr. Sinclair, seemed problematical to-day, as since first considering sending Zev abroad, he has arranged for a series of sweepstakes for Zev and Epinar, the French champion Epinar, however, will run in the Ascot Cup race also, and hence Zev and he could have equal disadvantage of crossing the Atlantic in their August races in this country. Papyrus also is expected to run in the Ascot.

Rep Rugby Squad Shows Promising Signs in Play

Boss Johnson's Boys Easily Handle Second Picked Team

The pick of Victoria's senior rugby division battled on Saturday afternoon at the Willows grounds when the city's rep team "probables" tried their strength against the next best aggregation. The teams were designated as the Reds and Blues respectively, and the Reds walked away with a comparatively easy victory, the score ending at seventeen to four.

Boss Johnson, once more the skipper of the Victoria rep squad, piloted his team to a well-deserved victory; nothing, no matter how long the battle, shirking team fought, could stop the irresistible rushes of the Reds.

The game was an exhibition of good rugby throughout. Johnson, with his kicking, shows such form as will rank him among the best of the Province's stars. The whole of the rep back division is a beautifully timed and smooth working machine which should provide such opposition to any team in the Province that Victoria will have unusually good chances of a championship winning representation.

TEAMS STARTED SHORT

The teams took the field with several men short and during the first few minutes of the game the playing was ragged. Pendray, leader of the probable rep pack, took the ball from the scrum and crossed the line for the first time.

While McInnes converted from a difficult angle. Although the Blues fought with fine courage and determination, led by the stalwart Crump, they could not gain sufficient ground to make a score. Several times, however, Crump himself came close to the opposing line.

With the teams strengthened at the beginning of the second half, although the rep squad missed the two Brynjolfsson brothers and the great Toimie, the game took on a more serious aspect. The men settled into a steady, scrapping pace, keeping the play extremely fast. After a few minutes of fast play, Goodacre took a scrum from the three line and crossed for the second try. The rep team was pressing regularly.

It was only a matter of seconds before Pendray, after another of his dribbling rushes which have made him famous, scored for the second time. Taylor scored for the Reds after McMillan and Gilmer had taken on a little offensive of their own and had come to within a couple of feet of the Red line.

After the game, the Blues were out of the field in the respective positions. A dependable half-back, kicked a drop, which was the Blues' only score, at this juncture.

WILL BE GOOD TEAM

Undoubtedly, with the Brynjolfsson brothers to add weight and strength to the forward line and the monster Toimie also putting his shoulders into the scrum, the rep team will have a very dangerous bunch to handle.

Their back division is like so much mercury in the speed of its action. The halves, Maclean and Goodacre, work with fine precision, feeding their backs regularly and kicking well to touch.

Taylor is outstanding in the three-quarter line; but every man, Bendrodt, Totty, McInnes and the others, are steady, calculating, plucky and fast in their respective positions.

There are plenty of good men in the "outside" who were not on the rep line-up yesterday. There may be changes. There is Crump, a six-foot two-inch young giant whom his teammates call the "wild man." There are Gilmer, Muncy, McMillan—all of them good backs, and there is a line of forwards, all of them good.

There is a certainty on the rep. They may be changed, and every man will have to work hard to keep his place or find one, as the case may be.

The teams on Saturday were as follows: Reds (the probable)—Johnson, Bendrodt, McInnes, Totty, Goodacre, Maclean, Taylor, Oland, Pendray, Weinger, Money and McKee. Blues (the possible)—McLennan, Wilson, C. Walls, Gilmer, Prior, Woods, Cabellu, Ewel, McMillan, Crump, Allen, DuBois, Christy and Walls.

Referee, Billy Eiley.

MANAGER RESIGNS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—Jack Hendricks, veteran manager of the Indianapolis Baseball Club of the American Association, resigned his position yesterday. The resignation was accepted by William C. Smith, owner of the team. The change was said by both Hendricks and Smith to have been brought about with friendly conditions prevailing.

With the exception of 1918, when he piloted the St. Louis Nationals, Hendricks has managed the Indianapolis club since 1913.

U.S. Skating Champ Shows His Speed in Test Races in East

Boston, Dec. 24.—Joe Moore of New York, international indoor champion and United States representative in the Olympic skating championships at Chamonix, France, next month, won two out of three pursuit races in the Olympic skating trials at the arena, Saturday.

Moore won the one mile event, in which Pritchard Donovan, St. Paul, was second, and William Steinmetz, Chicago, was third.

Criqui's Heart is Broken and Career in Ring is Ended

Paris, Dec. 24.—Eugene Criqui's pugilistic career is ended. The abandonment of his titles of featherweight champion of France and Europe, owing to the injuries he received in his bout for charity against Hebrans on October 6, is expected to be permanent.

Criqui's hands, which he smashed on the Belgian champion's head, are not as badly broken as his heart. Over the injuries he received in his bout for charity against Hebrans on October 6, is expected to be permanent.

For sixty days his name was blazoned on the billboards as featherweight champion of the world, but Dundee ended all this.

Full Programme of Soccer Games For Boxing Day

Two Exciting Games Will Be Played in Wednesday League

A full programme of games has been arranged by the Wednesday Football League for Boxing Day, December 26. The Garrison will meet the Teamsters at Work Point, while the Broad Street eleven will take on the Hudson's Bay at the Royal Athletic Park. Both games will be called at 2.30 o'clock. Competition should be extremely keen in both battles as the teams are very evenly matched.

The last time the Garrison and the Teamsters met the battle ended in a two-all draw, so it is expected that the game on Wednesday will provide plenty of thrills.

On New Year's Day the Vancouver Wednesday League will bring the pick of their league to this city to clash with a picked team from the local mid-week league. The game will be played at the Royal Athletic Park at 2.30 o'clock, with Oliver as referee. The team to represent the local league will be selected at the regular meeting of the Wednesday League on Thursday, December 27.

The Teamsters' team for Wednesday's game will consist of the following: Lomas, Gilbert, Speak, Hay, McKinnon, Ord, Rowan, Lynn, Kenning, Morton, Turner, Davis, Latherill, Abercombe and Cartwright.

The Broad Street eleven will be as follows: Peden, Petch, Newman, Kestray, Cooper, Patterdale, Crawford, Lynn, Johnston, Nex, Lynn and Gwyer.

"Fastest Human" Must Explain or Lose His Place

Charley Paddock May Not Be Allowed to Run For U.S. in Olympic Games

New York, Dec. 24.—Charles Paddock, America's crack sprinter, will not be allowed to compete for a position on the 1924 American Olympic team until he has cleared himself of charges with the Amateur Athletic Union. It was decided to leave Paddock's case entirely with the A.A.U., which has appointed a special committee to consider it.

The issues involved in the controversy that has raged about Paddock for several months include charges he is alleged to have made against the A.A.U. and athletes of other organizations, in regard to their amateur standing; allegation that Paddock himself had sacrificed his amateur standing in going on a lecture tour; charges that he failed to reimburse the Olympic committee for funds loaned to him in 1920 and his alleged failure to comply with a request that he account for expense money furnished him in coming to New York from Los Angeles for an athletic meet. It was charged, in this connection, that Paddock had received full expense money from two different organizations.

Paddock's case was the chief subject of debate at the Olympic committee meeting on Saturday afternoon.

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB

On Christmas Day at the Victoria Golf Club there will be a men's sweepstake competition consisting of eighteen holes against bogey, handicapped by the number of strokes over par and three-quarters of the reduced handicap allowed. The entrance fee will be 50c, and there will be two prizes. Post entries will be allowed.

On New Year's Day a mixed foursome will be played, consisting of eight men and four women. One-half of the combined handicaps will be allowed, but no lady or gentleman will be allowed a full handicap of more than 18 strokes. The prize money will be \$1 for each prize, and there will be two prizes given. Players may choose their partners and opponents at the time of entry and may play either in the morning or afternoon. Post entries will be allowed, and players must obtain score cards from the secretary.

SARAZEN A WINNER

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—Gene Sarazen, former American open champion, and Johnny Farrell of the Quaker Ridge Golf Club, of Manhattan, N.Y., defeated Charles H. Mayo, municipal pro, and Al Ulmer, six times amateur state champion, here Saturday afternoon in a brilliant exhibition match of eighteen holes, three up and two to play.

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Cougars to Spend Christmas Trying To Tame Maroons

Coast Teams Will Resume Their Warfare After Tour of Prairie Towns

Maroons Returned Last Night and Cougars Reached Vancouver To-day

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—After an absence of eleven days on the prairies, during which they played in the four cities of the Western Canada League, the Vancouver Maroons returned home last evening. Accompanied by Manager Frank Patrick, of Vancouver, the Victoria Cougars arrived here this morning.

The Maroons have another tough schedule ahead of them this week for they play Victoria on Tuesday, Seattle the following day, Victoria on Friday and back here again New Year's afternoon with Seattle.

The series just ended on the prairies, from a coast point of view, is the most disastrous ever experienced.

VICTORIA DID BEST

Victoria made the best showing, winning from Edmonton in the first tilt, and their last one at Saskatoon. But the Cougars just did none in front. Saskatoon beat them 9 to 3 and Victoria beat them 3 to 2 last Friday.

Regina beat Seattle 3-5 and 4-1. Saskatoon trimmed Muldoon's merry men 2-1 at Moosejaw and again by the same score at home. Edmonton beat Seattle 5-4, and Calgary trimmed the Maroons 3-1. The Maroons were the only coast team to make the circuit without registering one win.

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CLIMATE HURT TEAMS

Prairie and eastern teams coming to the coast have probably declared that climatic differences sent their playing stick away below par. That has never been advanced when coast teams trekked east, because, usually the coast team was at least half of their games, and the question of superiority was never open to debate.

But it is true that the higher altitude of the prairies causes a slump in physical fitness after the first day or two? Just about the time the athletes swing into their stride they start for home again and when they return have to go all through the performance of acclimating themselves again.

CASES IN POINT

Saskatoon won practically all of their games since they returned home, yet they couldn't put one win over on the coast. Vancouver, Seattle and St. Paul took them in turn and by good margins. The best Saskatoon could do was to draw with the Maroons on the last night of their stay on the coast.

Calgary did better. It is true, but they had been working out for weeks and played their games too rapidly to get in touch with the climate and about the last of the stay when they came to Vancouver and were beaten 3 to 1.

It would be unfair to the coast players then to draw invidious comparisons on the basis of the first day or two. They have encountered the same difficulty the prairie clubs



254th Christmas Greeting

The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay, send their best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and express the hope that the New Year may bring settled conditions and progress to all.



CREW IS RESCUED AFTER FIGHT WITH FORTY-DAY STORM

(Special to The Times) Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 24.—The New Zealand liner Arawa on her arrival here reported the rescue of the crew of the Atlantic schooner Jean Dundonald Duff, laden with coal from Glasgow to Nova Scotia ports. The crew were landed at Colon.

Vice-President of C.N.R. Sends Xmas Message

"Canada, like all other countries, has felt the effects of post-war depression. But Canada, unlike some other countries, has not given way to melancholia in business or in industry. Unity of effort and a faith in the national future alone can serve as the compass with which a country can steer its way clear of the wreckage of wartime aftermath into the unhampered channels of national prosperity. Painful measures are often most necessary to cure pain. Canada has set herself this task, and by mastering it the Dominion is to-day once more upon the broad highway of success."

This is the Christmas message that J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, is sending out to all the employees and officers.

In his message Mr. Dalrymple compares Canada's production and population with those of earlier years and shows how well Canada has progressed since twenty years ago. His concluding paragraph deals with wheat, in which the Canadian National Railway played a prominent part in moving this year. He says: "Canada has just garnered the heaviest crop in her history. In addition to 470,228,000 bushels of wheat, Government reports estimate Canada has grown this year 545,124,000 bushels of oats; 50,048,000 bushels of barley; 23,150,000 bushels of rye and 8,000,000."

The estimated nominal value of these field crops is \$725,000,000. "Railway traffic receipts in Canada for the year 1922 amounted to \$70,000,000 and for the year 1923 \$442,000,000, an increase of about 525 per cent."

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

La Savie, at New York, from Havre, Calcutta, at New York, from Liverpool, Scythia, at New York, from Liverpool.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are notified that the following lights reported not burning on Dec. 18 have now been attended to and are burning brightly: Comox Bar, Goose Spit, Cyril Rock.

OCEAN AND COASTWISE SHIPPING

SAILS HALF WAY ROUND THE GLOBE IN YAWL SEAWEEED

Capt. Symonds, D.S.C., Completes 12,000-Mile Trip to Antipodes

(Special to The Times) Auckland, New Zealand, Dec. 24.—The little yawl Seaweed, with Captain Symonds, D.S.C., an Australian, his wife, an English girl, and Ted Melhuish, sailor, has arrived here on its voyage from England to Australia. It has covered 12,000 miles and has been on the voyage since June 11.

Mrs. Symonds took her regular trick at the wheel, wearing men's pajamas as the weather grew hotter and hotter. She said that the voyage was not monotonous and that they called at many places. The trip through the Panama Canal impressed her most of all. They called at Papeete, Suva, Fiji, and other places, and they tell with great glee how the native folk, Mrs. Symonds for a new kind of white man. They had not a single mishap on the long voyage and the only one who suffered from seasickness was the yawl's cat.

Narcotic Drugs Discovered on Empress Liner

Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 24.—Contraband narcotic drugs worth \$1,000 were seized aboard the transpacific liner Empress of Canada, which is in drydock here following a trip from China and Japan. Three Chinese were arrested. One of them, who is said to have sold drugs to a United States detective, threw a dagger at the detective. Another of the Chinese arrested worked his hands out of a pair of handcuffs and escaped to a lower deck before he was recaptured. Another of the arrested Orientals had \$500 in cash in a money belt. They will be arraigned in "poor" court at Seattle.

TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS

December, 1923.
China and Japan.
President Grant—Mails close Dec. 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Dec. 16, Shanghai Dec. 21, Hongkong Dec. 25.
Africa—Mails close Dec. 22, 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Jan. 7, Singapore Jan. 12, Hongkong Jan. 16.
President McKinley—Mails close Dec. 27, 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Jan. 8, Shanghai Jan. 13, Hongkong Jan. 17.
President Wilson—Mails close Dec. 28, 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Jan. 9, Shanghai Jan. 14, Hongkong Jan. 18.
President Wilson—Mails close Dec. 29, 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Jan. 10, Shanghai Jan. 15, Hongkong Jan. 19.
Australia and New Zealand.
Nagasaki—Mails close Dec. 31, 4 p.m.; due at Auckland Jan. 31, direct; due Auckland Dec. 31, 4 p.m.; via San Francisco; due Wellington Jan. 12.
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C.P.R. Christmas Menu Tasteful One

Atlas would have a far more pleasant task if the earth were as represented on the Christmas and New Year's menu booklets of the Canadian Pacific dining-car service.

"Ye Olde-Plum Pudding" has taken the form of the terrestrial sphere on the front cover, and the "good cheer around the world" caption is illustrated by a plan, ingeniously worked out, which shows the extensive ramifications of the wheat transportation company. A sprig of holly rises from the North Pole and the Arctic regions are blanketed in their white covering of snow.

No less intriguing are the inside pages of the menu. Some perhaps will find these even more attractive. Eighty items from which even the most fastidious epicure can choose. A sprig of holly rises from the North Pole and the Arctic regions are blanketed in their white covering of snow.

Many months ago, chefs who rule the hygienic commissary kitchens at Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver were engaged preparing the puddings, according to the oldest and most prescribed recipe, and by this time all are ready to be consumed by kings. The turkey, according to W. A. Cooper, manager of sleeping and dining cars, are the best that could be secured. The menu, which will be placed on all dining cars at once, will make a splendid souvenir of the trip to those who will have occasion to travel by Canadian Pacific at this season.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

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5	5:02	10:58	5:14	11:27	5:28	11:54
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21	15:42	11:28	15:54	11:37	4:08	11:44
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24	17:42	1:58	17:54	2:07	6:08	2:14
25	18:22	2:48	18:34	2:57	6:48	3:04
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27	19:42	4:28	19:54	4:37	8:08	4:44
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NEW PASSENGER SHIP IS BOUGHT FOR ALASKA RUN

Alaska Steamship Company Adds Another Boat to Its Fleet

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Purchase of a new 374-foot passenger and freight steamship for service to Alaska was announced here yesterday by the Alaska Steamship Company. The new vessel will go into service before April 15. The vessel, which has a total gross tonnage of more than 20,000 tons, in its Northern service, these vessels being adapted to the Bering Sea route or the combined Southeastern and Southwestern Alaska service.

The new liner will probably be named the Yukon, in accordance with the company's policy of giving Alaska names to its fleet, it was announced.

Seattle's domestic and foreign commerce has been increasing, according to an official report by Port Warden Paul Edwards, issued yesterday for the month of November. The report showed a total gain of \$11,922,602 in imports and exports last month, as compared with November, 1922. This increase aggregated \$1,236 tons. These figures cover both foreign and domestic commerce.

The report also showed a large increase in domestic imports and exports to Alaska, with increases to Australia, East India, France, Japan, China and the United Kingdom.

C.N.R. to Give Xmas Greetings to Passengers

The smoke stack of a railway train is never so busy as on Christmas Eve, to allow Santa Claus to make a trip through it to visit passengers who are compelled to travel on Christmas Eve, and so, while they are on board train, they have to be satisfied without gifts. But the spirit of Christmas will creep in and diffuse itself through the sleeping quarters of the Canadian National Railway, and the passengers will receive a real cheery greeting when they awake on Christmas morning. This takes the form of a telegram printed on one of the specially decorated telegraph forms of the Canadian National Railway. It will be handed to each passenger in a sealed, decorated envelope and will read as follows:

"To all passengers on board train: The officers and employees of the Canadian National Railway wish you a very merry Christmas and a bright, happy and prosperous New Year."

"H. W. THORNTON, President."

Christmas Message to C.P.R. Offices

D. C. Coleman, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, western lines, to-day sent the following message of congratulation to all officers and employees:

"I take this opportunity on the advent of the holiday season to express to you our congratulations on the achievement, through your efforts and devotion, of the great grain movement in the history of transportation. You have loyally kept the Canadian Pacific at the head of the procession. The general manager and I wish to you and to your families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year."

QUEEN CHARLOTTE SCHEDULE REVISED

Will be Put Into Effect on December 26 From Vancouver

According to an announcement made this morning at the local Canadian National Railway office, the schedule of the Queen Charlotte Islands service performed by the Ss. Prince John has been changed. Instead of leaving Vancouver every other Saturday as heretofore, the Prince John will now sail 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 26, from Vancouver and fortnightly thereafter, calling at Allison Harbor, Jedway, Lockport, Thurston Harbor, Puvion, Lagoon Bay, Cumshewa, Sandspit, Skidegate, Queen Charlotte City, Allford Bay, Massett, Port Clements, Buckley Bay, and arriving at Prince Rupert the following Monday morning.

Southbound the steamer will sail from Prince Rupert Wednesday, January 2, and every two weeks thereafter, calling at the same ports as northbound and arriving in Vancouver Monday morning following.

This will give a connection between the Prince Rupert and Vancouver on alternate Mondays and the Prince John leaving Prince Rupert for Queen Charlotte Islands and southbound on alternate Wednesdays.

NAVIGATION CLOSURES

Goderich, Ont., Dec. 24.—Navigation closed yesterday with the arrival of the Jolly Lion from Milwaukee with a cargo of corn. This is the longest season in the history of this port and is also the biggest year in the port's history as regards the number of boats entering here, exceeding last year's record by three.

ALABAMA MARU HAS STEERAGE RECONDITIONED

All of O.S.K. Boats Will be Fitted With Improved Steerage Space

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, in addition to converting their steamships into combined oil and coal burners, are also reconditioning the steerage accommodation so that those traveling in this class will have every modern facility and comfort at their disposal. Rihet Consolidated, Ltd., this morning announced that the Alabama Maru, which is to sail for the Orient on January 3, has had her steerage space remodeled and that there is a decided improvement in the sleeping and dining quarters.

The dining room has been remodeled on the lines of a grill room and provided with forced ventilation in addition to the natural ventilators provided by the port holes. Swivel chairs is part of the equipment, while a glimpse at the social hall shows how careful the company has been in providing comfort for the passengers. Tables for cards and high four have been installed with upholstered lounges. This room is also well lighted and ventilated. A tiled wash room is another of the features while the many appointments in this room indicates the details that the company has gone into to provide a clean, sanitary place for steerage passengers. A semi-steerage stateroom is provided for lady passengers, while at the side of each bed in the ordinary steerage compartments are large mirrors.

In short, every conceivable comfort and facility has been provided for the steerage passengers. Each of the company's ships are being reconditioned. From this coast will have their steerage accommodation refitted on the same lines, while in the boiler room the furnaces will be fitted with an oil burning system the same as is installed on the Alabama Maru.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 24.—The steamer Jenkins passed up Saturday night to load grain at Port William. She will be the last boat down this season, and is due to pass the Soo, downward bound on Christmas.

King Brothers report that the Horace Ruxter left for California at 4:30 yesterday with 1,154,000 feet of railroad ties for the Southern Pacific Railway. Six hundred thousand feet of this consignment was loaded at Victoria.

BIDS WANTED ON PRESIDENT PIERCE

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Bids for reconditioning the Pacific Mail liner President Pierce were opened Saturday. Of five private yards, the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation was the lowest bidder. Its figure was \$144,764, the repairs to be completed in 80 days. The Los Angeles Shipbuilding Company bid \$241,220. All the bids were forwarded to the United States Shipping Board in Washington for consideration.

Appointment of Commander John H. Blackburn, U.S.N., former executive officer of the Leviathan, as head of the San Francisco branch of the naval hydrographic office, was announced yesterday. He succeeds Captain L. M. Stewart, who was ordered to sea duty as commander of the U.S.S. Vega.

Witnesses advised reported that the liner Kronland, due here this morning, will not arrive until this evening. She left New York carrying twenty-eight about half of whom disembarked at San Pedro.

The Japanese tanker Kanjo Maru, owned and operated by Suzuki & Company, arrived from the Orient Saturday to load 60,000 barrels of oil for the Japanese Navy.

CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Headed by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, there will be a Conservative invasion of the Laurentians and the constituencies bordering on the mountains during this week. Mr. Meighen will be accompanied by Hon. Rodolphe Monty, Hon. Albert Pateux, Hon. C. B. Halliarty, Albert Forest and A. Gravel.

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 24.—William Kent, a letter carrier, twenty-eight, was fatally injured Saturday night.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SAILINGS TO EUROPE

Ship	Departure	Arrival
Jan. 4 Feb. 29	Montreal	Montreal
Jan. 11 Feb. 5	Montreal	Montreal
Jan. 18 Feb. 12	Montreal	Montreal
Jan. 25 Feb. 19	Montreal	Montreal
Feb. 1 Mar. 1	Montreal	Montreal
Feb. 8 Mar. 8	Montreal	Montreal
Feb. 15 Mar. 15	Montreal	Montreal
Feb. 22 Mar. 22	Montreal	Montreal
Feb. 29 Mar. 29	Montreal	Montreal
Mar. 6 Apr. 6	Montreal	Montreal
Mar. 13 Apr. 13	Montreal	Montreal
Mar. 20 Apr. 20	Montreal	Montreal
Mar. 27 Apr. 27	Montreal	Montreal

when a mail delivery wagon in which he was riding was struck by Mayor P. J. Carey's automobile.

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To Gulf Island Points

Christmas Going Dates, Dec. 22, 24, 26. Return Limit, Dec. 27, 29. New Year Going Dates, Dec. 29, 31, Jan. 1. Return Limit, Jan. 3, 1924. Fare and One-Half for Return Trip.

THE TIMES DAILY PICTURE PAGE



CHICAGO PONZIO—The radio is searching over land and sea for Leo Koretz, Chicago attorney. His arrest is sought in connection with alleged swindles in fake oil lands totalling approximately \$5,000,000, according to authorities.

Merry Christmas



BUT OH WHAT HARMONY!—Not one of them can hear. Yet every member of this band from the School for the Deaf at Knoxville, Tenn., is a good musician. A highly developed sense of vibration governs every note. Despite its handicaps, this band is considered one of the best musical organizations in the south. It has played for many dignitaries in recent months.



PLENTY OF SUNSHINE—Peggy Clark is heralded to-day as the prettiest red-headed girl on the Pacific Coast. Judges in a contest at the California Industries Exposition conferred the honor on her.



PRACTICE BABY—Speaking of infant prodigies—here's Edna May Domecon to consider. Edna's five months old and is spending her first year at Cornell University. She's the "practice baby" of the Home Economics Department and is shown here in arms of her "practice mother," Miss Hortense Black.



WANTS JESUS RECOGNIZED—Rev. W. S. Hayward, of Syracuse, N.Y., has petitioned Congress to enact a constitutional amendment recognizing the authority of Jesus Christ. He has devoted much of his time for nearly 40 years toward compilation of an Indian grammar that would enable the Indians to translate the Bible into their own language.



OFFERED TO SELL HIS BODY—George Vexant, former French aviator, has started serving a life sentence in the Texas State Penitentiary for the murder of his fiancée, Gabrielle Floquet. While awaiting trial, he pleaded to be executed, offering to sell his body so that ball might be raised for a friend in jail on a misdemeanor charge. But the judge disappointed him.



YOUNGEST—Norman W. Schur, fifteen-year-old Boston boy, won, it is said, the highest grades in tests for entrance to Harvard University. He takes an active interest in rowing, too.



THIS WILL INTEREST M. B. JACKSON, K.C., M.P.P.—Farewell, old roadside billboards! You've played an important part in our lives. But now your days are numbered—in Minnesota, at least. No longer will you tell folks traveling through the Gopher State just what to smoke or chew, or what hams are best. Now will you emblazon your old familiar messages, like "200 Miles to St. Paul." The state Legislature has decreed all signs along the highways must go. It's a safety measure. Here are two Highway Department employees executing the assembly's decree.



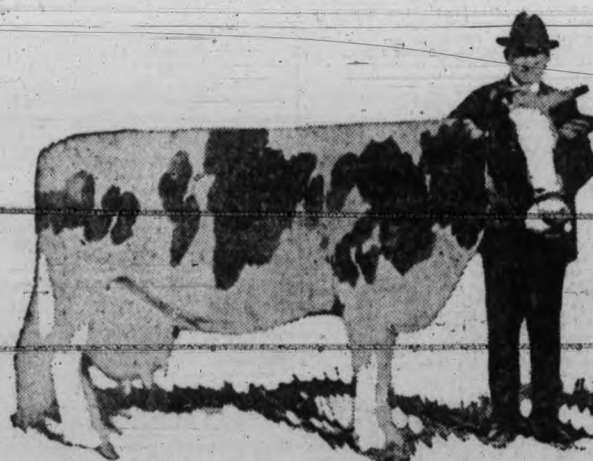
BIG BOY NOW!—First and exclusive portrait of George Henry Hubert Lascelles and his mother, Princess Mary of England now the Viscountess Lascelles, to be taken since the youngster was a month old. He is approaching his first birthday, which will be celebrated with pomp and ceremony in February.



GETTING USED TO THEM NOW—Mrs. Lee C. Gentle, her friends believe, should claim the "long-distance" motherhood record. At the age of 42 years, she has just given birth to her twenty-first child. Her husband is 62. She lives in Atlanta, Ga. A brother a sister of the newcomer (at right) are taking a peek at the infant. Inset shows husband.

SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



SHE'S SOME COW—Forty-eight quarts of milk a day! No, it isn't the driver's order for a restaurant. It's the average of aristocratic Carnation Segis Pletoris Prospect. She's heralded as the world's champion of all breeds and ages. She totaled 35,556.4 pounds this year. Her best day's work was 63 quarts. Carnation, now 10 years old, is owned by E. A. Stuart, of Carnation, Wash. She is the mother of three sons and a daughter, all blue ribbon winners at stock shows.

BUDDIE AND HIS FRIENDS

By Robt. L. Dickey



THE LATEST NEWS FROM FINANCIAL CENTRES

WALL ST. MARKET ACTIVE AND HIGHER

(By British American Bond Corp., Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 24.—The holiday character of the market during the past few days was scarcely apparent to-day when quotations were marked up substantially throughout the greater part of the list. The oil shares held the centre of the stage with Marland, Producers and Refiners and California Petroleum making good gains. Pacific Oil went into new high levels for the year, selling at 60. Towards the last the motor stocks showed wonderful strength. A few specialties, including Corn Producers, which sold at a new high, were very strong.

The rail group did very little, although Atchafalpa, St. Paul preferred and Union Pacific were fairly active at fractional gains.

The strength of the market just prior to the holiday was thought to reflect a very strong undertone and it would be surprising to many traders if the advances were not carried well into the new year.

Best brokerage opinions continue to favor the oil group, which seems to hold every little advance. Motor stocks are gaining favor and a good deal of attention is being paid to leather stocks and sugar producing companies, the stocks of which were quite strong to-day.

Chic. R.I. & Pac.	112	112	112
Do, 7% pref.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Do, 7% pref.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Erie	112	112	112
Do, 7% pref.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Do, 1st pref.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Hilltop Southern	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Lehigh Valley	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Do, 7% pref.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Missouri Pacific	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
N.Y. & N.E.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
N.Y. N.H. & Hartford	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Do, 7% pref.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Norfolk & Western	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Northern Pacific	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Do, 7% pref.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Peru Marquette	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Pittsburg & W. Va.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Reading	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
St. Louis & S.W.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
St. Paul & Northern P.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Southern Railway	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Union Pacific	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Wabash &	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Do, Maryland	9	9	9

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It was a dream—nothing else—but it made a very strong impression upon me. I could not forget it, though I was much occupied the next morning and for several days afterwards. It was so like life and the picture it left behind it was so vivid. What was the picture? Just this: as plain to my eye as if presented to it by a motion-picture film. Orpha, standing by herself alone, staring at some object lying in her open palm. She was dressed in white, not black. This I distinctly remember. Also that her hair which I had never seen save when dressed and fastened close to her head, lay in masses on her shoulders. A picture of loveliness but of great mental perplexity also. She was intrigued by what she was looking at. Astonishment was visible on her features and what I instinctively interpreted as alarm gave a rigidity to her figure from natural to it. Such was my dream; such the picture which would not leave me, nor explain itself for days.

I had got well into the swing of work and was able, strange as it may seem, to hold my own in all business matters, notwithstanding the personal anxieties which devoured my mind and heart the moment I was released from present duty. I had received one or two letters from Mr. Jackson, which while encouraging in a general way, added little to my knowledge of how matters in which I was so concerned were progressing in C—. Edgar was no longer there. In fact, he was in the same city as myself, but for what purpose or where located he could not tell me. The press had ceased covering the first page with unmeaning headlines concerning a tragedy which offered no new features; and although there was a large quota of interested persons who inveighed against the police for allowing me to leave town, there were others—the number of which was rapidly growing, who ventured to state that time and effort,

however aided by an inexhaustible purse, would fail to bring to light any further explanation of their leading citizen's sudden death, for the very good reason that there was nothing further to bring out—the doctor's report having been a mistaken one, and the death simply natural—that is, the result of undue excitement. "But there remain some few things of which the public is ignorant." In this manner Mr. Jackson ended his last letter. There remain some few things of which the public is ignorant. This was equally true of the police, or some move would have been made by them before this. The clue afforded by the disappearance simultaneously with that of the will of a key considered of enough importance by its owner to have been kept upon his person had evidently led to nothing. This surprised me, for I had laid great store by it; and it was after some hours of irritating thought on this subject that I had the dream with which I have opened this account of a fresh phase in my troubled life. Perhaps the dream was but a natural sequence of the thought which had preceded it. I was willing to believe so. But what help was there in that? What help was there for me in anything but work; and to my work I went. But with evening came a fresh trial. I was walking up Broadway when I ran almost into the arms of Edgar. He recoiled and I recoiled, then, with a quick nod, he hurried past, leaving behind him an impression which brought up strange images. A blind prisoner groping in the dark. A marooned sailor searching

the boundless waste for a ship which will never show itself above the horizon. A desert wanderer who sees the oasis which promises the one drop of water which will save him, fade into ghastly mirage. Anything, everything which bespeaks the loss of hope and the approach of doom. I was stuck to the heart. I tried to follow him, when, plainly before me—as plainly as he had himself appeared a moment previous, I saw her standing in a light place looking down at something in her hand, and I stopped short. When I was ready to move on again, he was gone, leaving me very unhappy. The gay youth, the darling of society, the beloved of the finest of the biggest-natured, and above all, of the tenderest heart I knew—came to this in a few short weeks! As God lives, during the days while the impression lay strong upon me, I could have cursed the hour I left my own country to be the cause, however innocently, of such an overthrow. That he had shown signs of dissatisfaction added poignancy to my distress. Self-indulgence of any kind had never been one of his failings. The serpent coiled about his heart must be biting deep into its core to drive one so fastidious into excess. Three days later I saw him again. Strange as this may seem in a city of over a million, it happened, and that is all there is to it. I was passing down Forty-second Street on my way to the restaurant I patronized when he turned the corner ahead of me and moved languidly on in the same direction. "Edgar!" I called to walk, so I kept my pace, wondering if he could possibly be bound for the same eating-place, which, by the way, was the one where we had first met. If so, would it be well for me to follow; and I was yet debating this point when I saw another man turn that same corner and move along in his wake some fifty feet behind him and some thirty in front of me. There was a natural occurrence enough, and would not even have attracted my attention if there had not been something familiar in this man's appearance—something which brought vividly to mind my former

encounter with Edgar on Broadway. What was the connection? Then suddenly I remembered. As I shook myself free from the apathy following this startling vision of Orpha which, like the clutch of a detaining hand, had hindered my mad rush after Edgar, I found myself staring at the face of a man brushing by me with a lack of ceremony which showed that he was in a hurry if I was not. He was the same as the one now before me walking more and more slowly but still holding his own about midway between us two. No coincidence in this. He was here because Edgar was here, or—I had to acknowledge it to myself—because I was here, always here at this time in the late afternoon. I did not stop to decide on which of us two his mind was most set—on both perhaps—but pursued my course, entering the restaurant soon after the plain clothes man who appeared to be shadowing us. Edgar was already seated when I stepped in, but in such a remote and inconspicuous corner that the man who had preceded me had to look covertly in all directions before he espied him. When he did, he took a seat near the door and in a moment was lost to sight behind the newspaper which he had taken from his pocket. There being but one empty seat, I took it. It, too, was near the door. (To be continued.)

Vancouver Island News

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR THREE SCHOOLS

Pleasant Gatherings Held in Metchosin, Luxton and Albert Head

Special to The Times
Metchosin, Dec. 23.—The Metchosin annual Christmas tree and entertainment will long be remembered, both by the children and their parents and friends, as one of the best ever held. The custom of holding a community tree in the rural districts is a very old one, and is generously contributed to by the parents and residents, and this year's event was crowned with unusual success. The children of the district gathered together in the Metchosin Hall at 3 in the afternoon. As one end of the hall was the Christmas tree, reaching almost as high as the ceiling, beautifully decorated and laden with gifts. The afternoon was spent in supervised games. At the supper table willing helpers proceeded to wait upon the young people until all were satisfied. After supper parents and friends began to arrive, and at 8 the hall was packed with expectant people, their attention focused upon the stage, brilliantly lighted. No effort had been spared to make the programme a success, and the gathering was loud in praise of the teacher, Miss Long, to whom the credit of the excellency of the programme must go. The costumes worn by the children in the different plays and plays were varied, and the delightful showst was appreciated by loud and continued applause. Rev. Mr. Comley acted as chairman, and the part of Santa Claus, who entered with much mystery and weird noises, was ably filled by W. G. Milsted. Then there was an excited gathering round the huge tree, and each child and young person in the district received a gift from Trustee Mrs. G. F. Weir and her helper, Mrs. T. Barclay, who were entrusted with the buying of the presents in Victoria. Refreshments were served and a tired but very happy crowd of children departed for home, the elders finishing up the evening with dancing. Hearty cheers and thanks were given to the teacher, trustees and all helpers.

SUPERVISOR LEAVES
S. S. Martin, supervisor of the Nanaimo public schools, will leave Nanaimo in the near future to accept a position as supervisor of the public schools at Fernie. Local teachers gave an afternoon tea in the domestic science room of the Quennell school in honor of Mr. Martin, who was presented with a leather traveling bag, the presentation being made on behalf of the teachers by Miss Mebus, who expressed the regrets of the teachers at Mr. Martin's departure, and the esteem in which he was held by members of the staff and the public in general.

COWICHAN RIVER EROSION GROWING

Public Meeting Asks For Engineer to Investigate Situation

Special to The Times
Duncan, Dec. 24.—The encroachments of the Cowichan River on lands of residents and others called for a public meeting at the City Hall last evening. Mayor O. W. Smith took the chair. For some years the river has washed away hundreds of acres of valuable land, and something must be done at once to prevent further encroachment. A resolution was passed asking the Provincial Government to send up an engineer as soon as possible with a view to obtaining a report on what is now necessary to be done, and the approximate cost of carrying out the operations. At the present time those most seriously threatened are the lands belonging to the Ashdown, Green estate, the Mossom-Boyd Co., the Cowichan Cricket and Sports Club, the Duncan Lawn Tennis Club and E. F. Cresswell.

The closing exercises of the Duncan Consolidated School took place on Friday morning. The pupils were all treated to a very funny play show arranged and run by H. T. S. Hope and Mr. Waite, and each room had a Christmas tree with presents for each child, candies and oranges. Parents and friends were invited and recitations and songs were given for their entertainment. All the teachers will be back on January 7 with the exception of Miss Winkie, Miss Miller, whose place she took for a year, being now restored to health and able to resume her duties.

DISTRICT SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

Community Hall at Prospect Lake is Required; Site Offered
Prospect Lake, Dec. 24.—The Christmas concert of the Prospect Lake School was held on Thursday afternoon, when a large gathering of parents and friends enjoyed an excellent programme of recitations, dialogues, songs and dances by the pupils. All of the twenty-five numbers were most pleasingly rendered, the sailors' hornpipe, by Misses Jennie Beckett and Eleanor Dunlop being especially beautiful, as was also the Christmas Star drill by the senior girls and the dialogue, "Uncle Hiram's Cold," by Jim Fracey and others was uproariously funny. The children and teachers were complimented by School Trustees Oldfield on their artistically painted Christmas programmes as well as on the production of a most successful entertainment. Mrs. Lucas, superintendent of the Saanich Health Centre, explained the purpose of the Little Mothers League and the general work of the Health Centre, and diplomas were awarded to a number of the girls competing in the last examination of the Little Mothers League, Mabel Cameron securing first and Georgina Pillar the second prize. After refreshments were served Santa Claus appeared and distributed many gifts to all the children. This crowded gathering in the schoolhouse again emphasized the need for a community hall at Prospect Lake. Mr. Trickey has generously offered to donate the necessary land.

Mrs. Peter Flett's class gave a short, well acted playlet entitled, "The Christmas Spirit," with Gwen Owen as the good fairy, Olive Diron as the bad fairy, and a clever little action song, in which they spelled "Christmas Tree," the parts being taken by Edith Diron, Eddie Lee, Betty Lansdell, Bertram Thorpe, Ilay Neelands, Mary Savage, Olive Norton, Ivy Watson, Dorothy Owen and Betty Talbot; recitations by Dorothy Owen, Betty Talbot, Val Kyle, Leonard Thorpe, Bernice Thorpe, Jessie Gorton and George Neich; duet by Dorothy Owen and Betty Talbot, and song by Fred Walker. Two large Christmas trees were decorated with lights and candy for each child, and the arrival of Santa Claus to distribute these evoked many expressions of joy. Games concluded the evening.

Sixteen couples have entered for the American tournament arranged by the Duncan Badminton Club. Play started on Saturday, and as each couple will have to play fifteen matches, will probably not finish until next Saturday.

Courtenay, Dec. 23.—All East Coast points suffered severely from the storm, and the latter part of last week was devoted to clearing up the damage and removing trees from the roads.

FELT FULL FORCE OF SEVERE STORM

Island Highway in Bad Condition North of Parksville

CUMBERLAND
Parksville, Cumberland, Quallium and other points all felt the effects. At Cumberland a great deal of damage was done in and around the city; numerous windows were blown out, Sutherland's Dry Goods Store losing a huge skylight, whilst the windows at the Court House also suffered. Shingles from many roofs were scattered far and wide, and the fence between the residence of G. W. Clinton and the Cumberland School yard looked as though a cyclone had hit it. Old-time residents of the city say they never experienced such a wind before.

AT PARKSVILLE
At Parksville residents can use the new bridge at French Creek, a temporary approach having been made. It is still necessary to have a watchman on duty at night, as logs are floating down and may form a jam at any time. The bridge at Little Quallium River caused some anxiety last week, and it seemed at one time as though it would go out to sea.

ON HIGHWAY
There is no through traffic on the Island Highway. The road gangs have been greatly hampered in their work by the boisterous weather. Last Tuesday morning one gang had to take out nineteen trees before they could reach their work, but it is expected that all bridges on either side of Rosewall Creek will be open for traffic soon. If material arrives on

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time it is hoped that through traffic will be available on the Island Highway early this week, a temporary bridge being provided at Rosewall. No attempt will now be made to put a permanent bridge at Rosewall, all efforts being bent to provide some means of getting through. The Rosewall bridge, which has a length of 100 feet, second-hand, has been renewed this year; but the flood operations. At the present time those most seriously threatened are the lands belonging to the Ashdown, Green estate, the Mossom-Boyd Co., the Cowichan Cricket and Sports Club, the Duncan Lawn Tennis Club and E. F. Cresswell. But no one will use a car on the island highway for months to come for the pleasure of driving, as it will be very rough going.

TO SUBMIT TWO BY-LAWS SOON

Nanaimo to Take Opinion of Electors on Library and Athletic Club

Nanaimo, Dec. 22.—The city council at a special meeting last evening, gave two readings to by-laws to be presented to the electors next month, one to maintain a public library, the other to determine the future of the athletic club. The library measure was supported by a petition signed by 111 names. In connection with the club premises the council had before it the following report: "Your council in committee of the whole, begs to report that we met representatives of the Nanaimo Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association on Monday evening last. The question which they discussed with us was in regard to the disposition of the athletic club building. They offered to take over this building for the purposes of their association and for the benefit of returned soldiers in general, and to repair and improve this building so that it would be a credit to the city, provided the city would give them clear title to the property. This building has been abandoned by the organized sporting associations of the city with the opening of the new gymnasium; as there does not appear any prospect of handing this building satisfactorily by the city, and as in its present condition it is of no benefit to anyone, we believe that apart from turning this building over for most worthy objects, we are also placing it where it will be of some use and benefit. For the above reasons, we favored the proposals of the local branch of the G.W.V.A. and decided to bring down a by-law to this effect, provided everything was in order so that this could be done. This by-law, which the chairman of the legislative committee was instructed to draft, will have to go before the ratepayers before being adopted, so that the opportunity will be given for an expression of opinion from them."

The teachers of the Methodist Sunday School gave a most delightful Christmas party for the scholars on Friday evening in the Methodist Hall. Mothers and friends were invited, and a very pleasing programme, had been arranged for their entertainment. All the pupils sang "Silent Night, Holy Night," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "If a Body Hears a Prancing." Mr. McIntyre's class, drilled by Marguerite Diron gave a dialogue, "The Spirit of Christmas."

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Island Highway in Bad Condition North of Parksville

CUMBERLAND
Parksville, Cumberland, Quallium and other points all felt the effects. At Cumberland a great deal of damage was done in and around the city; numerous windows were blown out, Sutherland's Dry Goods Store losing a huge skylight, whilst the windows at the Court House also suffered. Shingles from many roofs were scattered far and wide, and the fence between the residence of G. W. Clinton and the Cumberland School yard looked as though a cyclone had hit it. Old-time residents of the city say they never experienced such a wind before.

AT PARKSVILLE
At Parksville residents can use the new bridge at French Creek, a temporary approach having been made. It is still necessary to have a watchman on duty at night, as logs are floating down and may form a jam at any time. The bridge at Little Quallium River caused some anxiety last week, and it seemed at one time as though it would go out to sea.

ON HIGHWAY
There is no through traffic on the Island Highway. The road gangs have been greatly hampered in their work by the boisterous weather. Last Tuesday morning one gang had to take out nineteen trees before they could reach their work, but it is expected that all bridges on either side of Rosewall Creek will be open for traffic soon. If material arrives on

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EMMANUEL SCHOOL GIVES LITTLE ORPHANS CHRISTMAS TREAT
The senior girls' class of Emmanuel Baptist Sunday School, along with their teacher, Miss Shields, entertained the children of the Children's Aid Home to a Christmas supper and Christmas tree entertainment. The children, who were accompanied by Miss McCloy, the superintendent of the home, showed evidence of the kindly care and supervision under which they are being trained. A happier group of children could not be found anywhere. The senior girls' class enjoyed the evening as much as their guests.
The pastor and Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Shields, Alderman and Mrs. Marchant, and Mrs. T. L. Boyden, were among those present.

TURKEY AND TRIMMIN'S TO BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS AT AGED MEN'S HOME
Christmas Day at the Old Men's Home is to be brightened by the appearance of turkey and plum-duff on the festive board.
Breakfast, too, will have a special significance, including ham and eggs, bread and butter, and tea or coffee. King Turkey will appear at mid-day in full regalia of cranberry sauce and vegetables. This will be followed by hearty procession by plum duff, tea and special liquid refreshments. Fruit and nuts will be seasonable additions to the banquet. Apple and mince-pie at supper will complete the traditional round.

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OGCHREOUS CLAY YIELDS VALUABLE ALUMINA CONTENT

Mr. Campbell Makes Success of His Demaniel Creek Deposits

Active Demand For Product From Manufacturers

Apart from copper and manganese mining in the Victoria neighborhood, the chief interest in this industry has been in developing the non-metalliferous products.

While the expansion of the brick industry, of lime, fluxes for cement, and more recently the sale industry on a tributary of Sooke River are fairly well-known, few people are aware of the effort made by Daniel Campbell of this city, at Demaniel Creek.

The ochreous clay in which he is conducting his developments is not however being mined for its bog-iron properties, but as a producer of bauxite, which is the chief source of aluminum.

It is producing 100-ton lots for Seattle and Tacoma, and according to Mr. Campbell, has a capacity of

each case there was a trace of manganese. **ITS VALUE.**
A growing market is anticipated for the bauxite which is largely used in the refining of gas and gasoline. The Victoria Gas Company reports highly on the effectiveness of that found on Mr. Campbell's property, after using 30 tons, and has placed another order. A sample tested in Vancouver also gave satisfaction, and orders are promised for the Spring. The supply of bauxite from Vancouver Island will also find a steady demand in the Seattle and Tacoma markets, and other valuable openings are in sight.

DAILY PROVINCE NOW CAPITALIZED AT \$3,000,000

The Vancouver Daily Province, controlling interest in which was recently acquired from Lieutenant-Governor Nichol by the Southams, who operate a number of newspapers in Canada, has been incorporated as a \$3,000,000 concern.

The Duthie Mines, Limited, operating under the guidance of a Seattle capitalist and financier, for some time past in Omineca, has been incorporated as a \$1,000,000 concern. This move follows the promise of the mine's owner, Mr. Duthie, to re-



Preparing Bauxite For Shipment.

200,000 tons. Mr. Campbell has held the property for twenty-five years. He is well known as a prospector, and purchased the property with the idea of developing it as soon as a market offered, but did not commence operations until last summer. The only labor necessary is provided by the owner himself and his two sons, as the bauxite is dug out in the form of clay, and sacked ready for shipping.

ITS LOCATION

The deposit of yellow ochreous clay—bearing bog iron ore—is situated on Demaniel and Stony Creeks, in the Otter district, three miles from the C.N.R. track, and twenty-six miles from Victoria. The property is made up of the Florence mineral claim, owned by Mr. Campbell, and staked on Demaniel Creek at a point half a mile south of Young Lake, close to the road to Jordan River, and also a land lot on Stony Creek, which flows into Demaniel Creek three quarters of a mile from the deposit on the other creek.

USE OF BAUXITE

While it has not been commercially feasible to treat the deposit as a source of iron ore, although limonite was one of the earliest forms of iron ore mined on the North American continent, the aluminum content is of real value, forming about one-third of the ore's body. Bauxite is the more or less impure hydrous oxide of aluminum. It is the crude material for the manufacture of artificial aluminum abrasives, such as aluminum, the chief crude material for the manufacture of various aluminum salts, such as alum, aluminum chloride and aluminum sulphate, and is used to some extent in the manufacture of aluminum refractories which are sold as bauxite brick or high alumina brick.

The deposit was described by Dr. C. H. Clapp in Memoir No. 13, "Southern Vancouver Island," 1912, as follows:
"The deposits consist of a very fine grained clay—with which is mixed fairly uniform bog iron or limonite. Limonite also occurs in small concretions. An analysis of a sample from the deposit showed the iron content to be 15.5 per cent. Near the surface the deposit contains angular fragments of the Metochet volcanics, but these have doubtless been washed in by the Demaniel River during the times of high water, and they do not continue in depth. The material has been deposited during late Pleistocene or recent times in a bog which probably represents the end stage in the filling up of one of the transient lakes which collected in the hollows of the drift mantle at the period of the close of glacial occupation. The material could readily be washed and purified, and the product, although valueless as an iron ore on account of its low iron content, would make a good base for colored paints."

MR. BREWER'S VISIT

In October, 1921, W. M. Brewer, resident mining engineer for the Western Division, made a thorough investigation extending over the two days of the deposits on Demaniel and Stony Creeks. His objects was to ascertain the extent of the deposits. He reached the conclusion from holes bored at Demaniel Creek that the possible tonnage was quite considerable, in fact to warrant mining operations, and guarantee a supply equal to any reasonable demand for some time to come.

At Stony Creek Mr. Brewer found similar outcroppings. He says they can be traced for a considerable distance, and he thinks it will probably be ascertained that the two deposits unite. "It is evident," he declares, "that the Stony Creek occurrence will materially aid the quantity of ochreous material that can be easily mined and transported from the district."

In four samples of the ochreous clay which he had analyzed, Mr. Brewer found the alumina content to vary from 25.5 per cent to 35.55 per cent, the iron oxide (limonite) from 12.87 per cent to 27.2 per cent, and silica from 25.5 per cent to 35.5 per cent. In

ALMOST COMPLETE PANEL IS READY

With Returns From Vancouver-North Boys' Parliament Will Be Chosen

Will Meet Here For Three Days Next Week

With the declaration of the poll in Vancouver West on Friday evening, under the auspices of City Clerk McQueen, practically all the returns of members for the Boys' Parliament to be held here next week are now in. The meetings will be held on January 2, 3 and 4.

The list is as follows:
East Kootenay—Barney Lyne, Michel West Kootenay—Vernon Sanford Wright, Climbers Square, Trinity Methodist Church, Nelson.
Okanagan—North—Percy Raymond Rawtenheimer, Armstrong Methodist, George Harold Gairbairn, H.A.O. Square, Vernon Presbyterian.
Okanagan—Central—Reginald Foote, Whiz Bang Square, Vernon Methodist.
Okanagan—South—C. Morrison, Fish, Penitence.
Revelstoke—David Sturdy, Inhydeso Square, Methodist.
Thompson Valley—Robert, Eustace Lee, Kamloops Methodist, Maxwell Honey, Climbers Square, Salmon Arm.
Nanaimo—Elmer Bradshaw, Reliable Square, Wallace Street Methodist.
New Westminster—Arthur Howarth, Fraser Valley—Donald Weiton Benedict, Abbotsford Anglican.
Murray Davie, Crusaders Square, Ladner Presbyterian.
Victoria—Robert Wallace, Greys, First Presbyterian; William McEwan, Hunters, Centennial Methodist; Bert

Bailey, Radiators, Y.M.C.A.; Maxwell Maynard, Whisthams, Y.M.C.A.; Vancouver East—John Baker, Live Wires, St. Luke's Anglican; W. J. Bell, Live Wires, Westminster Presbyterian; Thos. Donnelly, Olympia, Turner Institute; Joseph Earle Nixon, Hunters, Mountain View Methodist; William S. Thomas, Mountaineers, St. Michael's Anglican; Louis Thompson, Beavers, Grandview Congregational.
Vancouver West—Walter Owen, Keys A. St. John's; Frank Lord, same class; Frank Higginbotham, Argos, Canadian Memorial Church; Ronald Kinick, Crusaders of Chalmers Church; Russell Robinson, Hunters, Wesley Church; and Arthur Ayling, same class. Three other candidates were defeated.
This Boys' Parliament will be held under the auspices of the Tuxis Boys and Trail Rangers, the first of its kind in British Columbia.

Mrs. Roosevelt May Winter in Victoria

That Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt is desirous of wintering in Victoria is inferred from the statement made to the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau in a letter from C. S. Cunningham, of Saskatchewan.
Not only on his own account does Mr. Cunningham ask for information as to the city's possibilities, but also for some forty of his personal friends, from various widely scattered parts of the Dominion and States, Mrs. Roosevelt being one of the number. She is now resident at Oyster Bay, New York, the home town of the late ex-President.
Mr. Cunningham, who leaves his ranch during the winter months to holiday in milder parts of the country, is expected in Victoria shortly. A number of his friends, he states, are also coming.

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